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Session 1: Word List

luxury

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

synonym: extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel

His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

ware

n. goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware

synonym: merchandise, product, goods

(1) **ware** store, (2) bamboo **ware**

The store sells a wide range of porcelain **ware**, including plates, bowls, and mugs.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym: go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym: disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

dessert

n. a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
synonym : sweet, cake, confection

(1) **dessert** knife, (2) easy **dessert** recipe

Let's go to an all-you-can-eat **dessert** restaurant.

alternate

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly
synonym : substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year

The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future;
a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
synonym : plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

saucer

n. a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
synonym : dish, plate, salver

(1) tea **saucer**, (2) flying **saucer**

She sipped her tea from a delicate **saucer**.

premise

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
synonym : assumption, postulate, supposition

(1) the major **premise**, (2) make a **premise**

The book's **premise** is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**
His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**
The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

whopping

adj. extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock

synonym: enormous, gigantic, massive

(1) **whopping** price, (2) **whopping** success

The new smartphone has a **whopping** 1TB of storage space.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym: illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking
Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym: humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

dilution

n. the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition

synonym: diluting, reduction, weakening

(1) **dilution** of power, (2) **dilution** of the original message

The **dilution** of the chemical solution weakened its strength.

dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

synonym: weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea

She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym: sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
synonym : perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

quirk

n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

synonym : eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

checkout

n. the place in a store where customers pay for their purchases and receive a receipt; the process of paying for something and leaving a store or website

synonym : payment, billing, settlement

(1) self- **checkout**, (2) express **checkout**

The shopping trip ended with a long wait in the **checkout** line.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym : suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

grain

n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

synonym : seed, piece, cereal

(1) a **grain** of sand, (2) flour made from **grain**
Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen **grains**.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym : lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym : sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**

The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

faulty

adj. having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation

synonym : defective, flawed, imperfect

(1) **faulty** equipment, (2) make a **faulty** diagnosis

The **faulty** wiring caused a power outage.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym : art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym : potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician

Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym: mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted

Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym: conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something

to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym : assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

aptitude

n. a natural ability or talent for something; suitability or fitness for a particular task or kind of work

synonym : ability, talent, skill

(1) **aptitude** test, (2) natural **aptitude**

Her **aptitude** for mathematics helped her excel in her engineering courses at college.

scholastic

adj. relating to education or learning, particularly in an academic setting; marked by rigorous or formal adherence to academic rules and conventions; like that of a scholar or student

synonym : educational, academic, scholarly

(1) **scholastic** education, (2) **scholastic** competition

She received a **scholastic** award for her outstanding academic achievements.

achievement

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

synonym : accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

utilize

v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

synonym : employ, use, operate

(1) **utilize** a different approach, (2) **utilize** a catheter

The cook **utilized** the leftover oxtail to make soup.

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym : identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

valuation

n. an estimation of the worth or value of something

synonym: assessment, appraisal, estimation

(1) **valuation** report, (2) high **valuation**

The **valuation** of the company was estimated to be billions of dollars.

irrelevant

adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important

synonym: unrelated, immaterial, extrinsic

(1) an **irrelevant** thought, (2) do something **irrelevant**

They removed **irrelevant** content from the slides.

inconsequential

adj. of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible

synonym: insignificant, trivial, minor

(1) **inconsequential** details, (2) **inconsequential** effect

The mistake was **inconsequential** and did not significantly impact the outcome.

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym: healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

synonym: description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

transatlantic

adj. relating to or situated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, especially about travel communication or cultural exchange between Europe and North America

synonym: intercontinental, across-the-pond

(1) **transatlantic** cable, (2) **transatlantic** partnership

Transatlantic cooperation is important for global security and stability.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

jet

n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

synonym: plane, aircraft, flier

(1) private **jet**, (2) commercial **jet**

The **jet** flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

lag

v. to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.

synonym: delay, slow down, fall behind

(1) **lag** a long way behind the progress, (2) **lag** behind its competition

Our interest began to **lag** sharply.

pharmaceutical

adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs

synonym: drug, medication, prescription

(1) major **pharmaceutical** companies, (2) commercial **pharmaceutical** products

She gave money to help set up a **pharmaceutical** laboratory.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

prance

v. to move or dance about in a lively or playful manner, often with exaggerated movements or steps; to walk or move in a proud or arrogant manner, often with exaggerated or showy movements

synonym: skip, hop, bounce

(1) **prance** around the living room, (2) **prance** like a horse

The peacock spread its feathers and **pranced** around, trying to impress the female peahens.

revelry

n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

synonym: festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym: helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

regulation

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing

something according to a rule

synonym: constraint, restriction, rule

(1) a company **regulation**, (2) **regulation** by the government

The **regulation** approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

blurt

v. to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally

synonym: blab, spill, reveal

(1) **blurt** about the inside story, (2) **blurt** in frustration

I didn't mean to **blurt** out the answer, but it came out before I could stop.

stroke

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

synonym: blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

itch

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

synonym: scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak

I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym: estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

entirety

n. the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something

synonym: totality, completeness, wholeness

(1) the **entirety** of the situation, (2) the **entirety** of the book

They refused to accept the proposal in its **entirety**, demanding revisions.

modification

n. the act of changing something, usually to improve it, or something changed

synonym: change, amendment, alteration

(1) a **modification** of last year's model, (2) further

modification

As a result of this **modification**, we have revised our safety measures.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym: excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**
Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically**
American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym: endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

severity

n. the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh

synonym: harshness, rigidity, austerity

(1) the **severity** of cold, (2) high **severity**

The **severity** of the drought was a major concern for farmers.

attraction

n. a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity

synonym: allure, appeal, interest

(1) the big **attraction** of the event, (2) popular tourist **attraction**

She felt an instant **attraction** toward him.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

expedition

n. a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

synonym: journey, trip, voyage

(1) **expedition** team, (2) a polar **expedition**

The **expedition** to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

quantity

n. the amount or number of something; magnitude

synonym: abundance, portion, amount

(1) half **quantity**, (2) residual **quantity**

In southward, the average annual water **quantity** increases.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym: reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym: act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym: glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

receiver

n. the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something

synonym : acceptor, recipient, collector

(1) a GPS **receiver**, (2) aid **receiver**

Delivery companies often require the **receiver's** signature to certify the completion of package delivery.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---|------|--|
| 1. de___e on a course of action | v. | to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 2. de___e my own life | v. | to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose |
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13. an easy de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
14. l_g behind its competition *v.* to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.
15. the major pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
16. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
17. l_g a long way behind the progress *v.* to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.
18. personality qu__k *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

ANSWERS: 9. achievement, 10. blind, 11. regulation, 12. whopping, 13. delivery, 14. lag, 15. premise, 16. experiment, 17. lag, 18. quirk

19. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
20. apparently par_____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
21. flour made from gr__n *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
22. the imp_____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
23. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
24. di_____on of power *n.* the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition
25. festival re_____y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
26. bl__t about the inside story *v.* to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally
27. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

ANSWERS: 19. refer, 20. paradoxical, 21. grain, 22. implication, 23. desire, 24. dilution, 25. revelry, 26. blurt, 27. exposed

28. aid re____er *n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
29. i__h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
30. make a fa____y diagnosis *adj.* having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation
31. ind____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
32. arrive and de____t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
33. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
34. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
35. leg____te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
36. self-int____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
37. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

ANSWERS: 28. receiver, 29. itch, 30. faulty, 31. individual, 32. depart, 33. afford, 34. strategy, 35. legitimate, 36. introduction, 37. lens

38. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
39. ro___t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
40. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
41. the en_____ty of the situation *n.* the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something
42. improve co_____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
43. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
44. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
45. a polar exp_____on *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
46. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
47. an irr_____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
48. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
49. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

ANSWERS: 38. commerce, 39. robust, 40. automatically, 41. entirety, 42. cognitive, 43. courage, 44. automatically, 45. expedition, 46. influence, 47. irrational, 48. grandparent, 49. craft

50. i__h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
51. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
52. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
53. re_____y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
54. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
55. residual qu_____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
56. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
57. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
58. popular tourist att_____on *n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity
59. di___e a great idea *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

ANSWERS: 50. itch, 51. desire, 52. psychology, 53. revelry, 54. environment, 55. quantity, 56. introduction, 57. influential, 58. attraction, 59. dilute

60. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
61. bamboo w___e *n.* goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware
62. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
63. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
64. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
65. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
66. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
67. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
68. sch_____ic competition *adj.* relating to education or learning, particularly in an academic setting; marked by rigorous or formal adherence to academic rules and conventions; like that of a scholar or student
69. inc_____ial effect *adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible
70. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

ANSWERS: 60. decide, 61. ware, 62. participate, 63. perceive, 64. pound, 65. relevance, 66. perceive, 67. aid, 68. scholastic, 69. inconsequential, 70. legislation

71. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
72. de___t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
73. make a pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
74. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
75. easy de_____t recipe *n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
76. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
77. express ch_____ut *n.* the place in a store where customers pay for their purchases and receive a receipt; the process of paying for something and leaving a store or website
78. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
79. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

ANSWERS: 71. pound, 72. depart, 73. premise, 74. lens, 75. dessert, 76. typical, 77. checkout, 78. achievement, 79. judgment

80. commercial j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
81. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
82. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
83. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
84. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
85. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
86. inc_____ial details *adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible
87. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
88. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
89. an_____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
90. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding

ANSWERS: 80. jet, 81. aisle, 82. essentially, 83. strict, 84. flee, 85. scenario, 86. inconsequential, 87. government, 88. trigger, 89. announce, 90. cognitive

91. as___s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
92. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
93. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
94. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
95. de_____t knife *n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
96. pr___e around the living room *v.* to move or dance about in a lively or playful manner, often with exaggerated movements or steps; to walk or move in a proud or arrogant manner, often with exaggerated or showy movements
97. a st___e of the putter *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
98. irr_____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
99. special de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
100. ut_____e a catheter *v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

ANSWERS: 91. assess, 92. scenario, 93. roughly, 94. environment, 95. dessert, 96. prance, 97. stroke, 98. irrational, 99. delivery, 100. utilize

101. do something irr_____nt
adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
102. botanical ex_____t
n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
103. co____r degree
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
104. for spe_____lly American customers
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
105. w__e store
n. goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware
106. suffer st____e
n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
107. an emotional ju_____nt
n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
108. di____e acid with water
v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
109. historical co_____t
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 101. irrelevant, 102. extract, 103. confer, 104. specifically, 105. ware, 106. stroke, 107. judgment, 108. dilute, 109. context

110. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
111. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
112. a brief ex_____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
113. the big att_____on of the event *n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity
114. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
115. the se_____ty of cold *n.* the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh
116. a mod_____ion of last year's model *n.* the act of changing something, usually to improve it, or something changed
117. a company reg_____on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
118. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

ANSWERS: 110. psychology, 111. roughly, 112. extract, 113. attraction, 114. mold, 115. severity, 116. modification, 117. regulation, 118. craft

119. ap____de test *n.* a natural ability or talent for something; suitability or fitness for a particular task or kind of work
120. ev____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
121. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
122. commercial pha_____cal products *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
123. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
124. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
125. a blazing ar____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
126. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
127. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

ANSWERS: 119. aptitude, 120. evaluate, 121. refer, 122. pharmaceutical, 123. bias, 124. context, 125. argument, 126. stick, 127. legislation

128. as___s a tax of 10 pounds *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
129. a ro___t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
130. an irr_____nt thought *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
131. ev_____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
132. tra_____tic partnership *adj.* relating to or situated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, especially about travel communication or cultural exchange between Europe and North America
133. exp_____on team *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
134. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
135. a gr__n of sand *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
136. the imp_____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
137. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 128. assess, 129. robust, 130. irrelevant, 131. evaluate, 132. transatlantic, 133. expedition, 134. architecture, 135. grain, 136. implication, 137. mold

138. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
139. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
140. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
141. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
142. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
143. an inf_____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
144. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
145. di_____on of the original message *n.* the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition
146. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
147. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
148. major pha_____cal companies *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs

ANSWERS: 138. devote, 139. experiment, 140. consume, 141. stick, 142. trump, 143. influential, 144. grandparent, 145. dilution, 146. individual, 147. wit, 148. pharmaceutical

149. a GPS re_____er *n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
150. the en_____ty of the book *n.* the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something
151. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
152. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
153. str_____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
154. high va_____on *n.* an estimation of the worth or value of something
155. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
156. sch_____ic education *adj.* relating to education or learning, particularly in an academic setting; marked by rigorous or formal adherence to academic rules and conventions; like that of a scholar or student
157. di_____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
158. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
159. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

ANSWERS: 149. receiver, 150. entirety, 151. government, 152. commerce, 153. strengthen, 154. valuation, 155. influence, 156. scholastic, 157. diagnose, 158. participate, 159. afford

160. di____ct attention from the real issue
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
161. tr____r inflation
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
162. f__e their homes
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
163. pr____e like a horse
v. to move or dance about in a lively or playful manner, often with exaggerated movements or steps; to walk or move in a proud or arrogant manner, often with exaggerated or showy movements
164. half qu____ty
n. the amount or number of something; magnitude
165. ai__e seat
n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
166. classic arc____ure
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
167. military st____gy
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
168. a leg____te child
adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
169. fairly ty____l symptoms
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
170. di____ct public opinion
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

ANSWERS: 160. distract, 161. trigger, 162. flee, 163. prance, 164. quantity, 165. aisle, 166. architecture, 167. strategy, 168. legitimate, 169. typical, 170. distract

171. lu___y hotel *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
172. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
173. al_____te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
174. every al_____te year *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
175. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
176. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
177. get into the lu___y car market *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
178. ut_____e a different approach *v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
179. natural ap_____de *n.* a natural ability or talent for something; suitability or fitness for a particular task or kind of work
180. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
181. private j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
182. flying sa____r *n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings

ANSWERS: 171. luxury, 172. announce, 173. alternate, 174. alternate, 175. wit, 176. trump, 177. luxury, 178. utilize, 179. aptitude, 180. communicate, 181. jet, 182. saucer

183. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
184. further mod_____ion *n.* the act of changing something, usually to improve it, or something changed
185. wh_____ng price *adj.* extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock
186. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
187. self-ch_____ut *n.* the place in a store where customers pay for their purchases and receive a receipt; the process of paying for something and leaving a store or website
188. di_____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
189. a qu__k of fate *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
190. fa____y equipment *adj.* having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation
191. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
192. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
193. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

ANSWERS: 183. relevance, 184. modification, 185. whopping, 186. essentially, 187. checkout, 188. diagnose, 189. quirk, 190. faulty, 191. consume, 192. exposed, 193. strengthen

194. tra_____tic cable *adj.* relating to or situated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, especially about travel communication or cultural exchange between Europe and North America
195. high se_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh
196. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
197. va_____on report *n.* an estimation of the worth or value of something
198. the exp_____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
199. tea sa____r *n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
200. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
201. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
202. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
203. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 194. transatlantic, 195. severity, 196. confer, 197. valuation, 198. explanation, 199. saucer, 200. bias, 201. blind, 202. specifically, 203. communicate

204. country-by-country a_d programs

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

ANSWERS: 204. aid

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.
v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
2. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
3. The new smartphone has a _____ 1TB of storage space.
adj. extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock
4. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.
adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
5. Our interest began to ___ sharply.
v. to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.
6. He has the ___ to keep talking about this topic.
n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
7. She gave money to help set up a _____ laboratory.
adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
8. The _____ of the company was estimated to be billions of dollars.
n. an estimation of the worth or value of something

ANSWERS: 1. assess, 2. trump, 3. whopping, 4. irrational, 5. lag, 6. wit, 7. pharmaceutical, 8. valuation

9. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
10. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
11. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.
v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
12. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
13. The incident _____ a political controversy.
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
14. The _____ of the drought was a major concern for farmers.
n. the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh
15. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
16. The _____ to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.
n. a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
17. The _____ wiring caused a power outage.
adj. having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation

ANSWERS: 9. context, 10. experiments, 11. perceived, 12. communicate, 13. triggered, 14. severity, 15. confer, 16. expedition, 17. faulty

18. I didn't mean to _____ out the answer, but it came out before I could stop.

- v.* to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally

19. The cleaning lady comes on _____ Wednesdays.

- adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly

20. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.

- adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

21. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.

- n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

22. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.

- v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

23. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.

- n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

24. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

- adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

25. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 18. blurt, 19. alternate, 20. robust, 21. pounds, 22. distract, 23. aisle, 24. roughly, 25. individual,

26. The shopping trip ended with a long wait in the _____ line.
- n.* the place in a store where customers pay for their purchases and receive a receipt; the process of paying for something and leaving a store or website
27. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
28. She received a _____ award for her outstanding academic achievements.
- adj.* relating to education or learning, particularly in an academic setting; marked by rigorous or formal adherence to academic rules and conventions; like that of a scholar or student
29. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
30. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
31. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
- adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
32. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
33. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.
- n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 26. checkout, 27. participated, 28. scholastic, 29. stick, 30. devoted, 31. strict, 32. psychology, 33. extracting

34. In southward, the average annual water _____ increases.
n. the amount or number of something; magnitude
35. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
36. Let's go to an all-you-can-eat _____ restaurant.
n. a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
37. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
38. The cook _____ the leftover oxtail to make soup.
v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
39. The mistake was _____ and did not significantly impact the outcome.
adj. of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible
40. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
41. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.
n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 34. quantity, 35. scenarios, 36. dessert, 37. commerce, 38. utilized, 39. inconsequential, 40. refer, 41. mold

42. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
43. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.
adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
44. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen _____.
n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
45. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
46. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.
v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
47. The _____ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.
n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
48. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.
n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
49. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

ANSWERS: 42. courage, 43. legitimate, 44. grains, 45. relevance, 46. departed, 47. regulation, 48. lens, 49. flee

50. His poem has a very significant _____.

- n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

51. This artwork is _____ of her work.

- adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

52. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.

- n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

53. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

- n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

54. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

- adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

55. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

56. They removed _____ content from the slides.

- adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important

57. She sipped her tea from a delicate _____.

- n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings

ANSWERS: 50. implication, 51. typical, 52. delivery, 53. explanation, 54. exposed, 55. introduction, 56. irrelevant, 57. saucer

58. Delivery companies often require the _____ signature to certify the completion of package delivery.
- n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
59. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
- n.* a parent of one's father or mother
60. He cannot _____ a holiday.
- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
61. This _____ has never been formally accepted.
- n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
62. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
- n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
63. One of her _____ is that she always wears mismatched socks.
- n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
64. Pakistan's _____ budget was still being reviewed.
- n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
65. The book's _____ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.
- n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

ANSWERS: 58. receiver's, 59. grandparents, 60. afford, 61. achievement, 62. judgments, 63. quirks, 64. aid, 65. premise

66. His anti-_____ practices were quite strict.

- n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

67. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.

- v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

68. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

69. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

- adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding

70. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

71. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

72. The ___ flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

- n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

73. Her _____ for mathematics helped her excel in her engineering courses at college.

- n.* a natural ability or talent for something; suitability or fitness for a particular task or kind of work

ANSWERS: 66. luxury, 67. strengthen, 68. desire, 69. cognitive, 70. argument, 71. government, 72. jet, 73. aptitude

74. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.
v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
75. She felt an instant _____ toward him.
n. a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity
76. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
77. I can't stop _____ my arm because of the mosquito bite.
v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
78. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
79. She researched gender _____ in politics.
n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
80. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.
adv. without needing a direct human control
81. They refused to accept the proposal in its _____ demanding revisions.
n. the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something
82. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

ANSWERS: 74. diagnose, 75. attraction, 76. craft, 77. itching, 78. blind, 79. bias, 80. automatically, 81. entirety, 82. consume

83. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

84. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

85. The peacock spread its feathers and _____ around, trying to impress the female peahens.

v. to move or dance about in a lively or playful manner, often with exaggerated movements or steps; to walk or move in a proud or arrogant manner, often with exaggerated or showy movements

86. As a result of this _____ we have revised our safety measures.

n. the act of changing something, usually to improve it, or something changed

87. The _____ of the chemical solution weakened its strength.

n. the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition

88. it is _____ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

89. _____ cooperation is important for global security and stability.

adj. relating to or situated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, especially about travel communication or cultural exchange between Europe and North America

ANSWERS: 83. Essentially, 84. decide, 85. pranced, 86. modification, 87. dilution, 88. paradoxical, 89. Transatlantic

90. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.
- n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
91. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
- v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
92. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
93. The street was filled with _____ on New Year's Eve.
- n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
94. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
- v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
95. She _____ the concentrated juice with water.
- v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
96. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.
- n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
97. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 90. stroke, 91. evaluate, 92. specifically, 93. revelry, 94. announced, 95. diluted, 96. legislation, 97. influence

98. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
99. The store sells a wide range of porcelain _____ including plates, bowls, and mugs.
n. goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware
100. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
101. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
102. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.
adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

ANSWERS: 98. architecture, 99. ware, 100. strategy, 101. environment, 102. influential