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Session 1: Word List

muse

n. a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

synonym: source of inspiration, minstrel, versifier

(1) **muse** inspiration, (2) creative **muse**

She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her **muse** to strike.

ascend

v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

synonym: rise, climb, go up

(1) **ascend** the ladder, (2) **ascend** to power

The plane began to **ascend** into the sky.

monarch

n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

synonym: ruler, sovereign, majesty

(1) an absolute **monarch**, (2) **monarch** butterflies

She came from a commoner background but eventually became the **monarch** of that country.

swelling

n. an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury

synonym : bulge, bump, inflammation

(1) **swelling** of the ankle, (2) hard **swelling** on the body
After intensive icing by the trainer, the **swelling** went down.

etcetera

n. used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on

synonym : and so on, and the like, and others

(1) tools, hardware, **etcetera**, (2) meetings, appointments, and **etcetera**

The museum contains a variety of artifacts, from ancient pottery to medieval armor, **etcetera**.

resurgence

n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

synonym : revival, recovery, rejuvenation

(1) **resurgence** in popularity, (2) **resurgence** of exports
After years of decline, the city is experiencing a **resurgence** in economic growth.

bubo

n. a swollen and painful lymph node, often caused by a bacterial infection such as the bubonic plague

synonym : swelling, lymph node, abscess

(1) lymphatic **bubo**, (2) **bubo** formation

The patient presented with a painful right inguinal **bubo**.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

coronavirus

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

synonym : covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

outlast

v. to endure or last longer than something else; to overcome challenges or obstacles and remain in existence

synonym : endure, survive, persevere

(1) **outlast** competitors, (2) **outlast** the storm

Some species of turtles can **outlast** human beings by centuries.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

synonym : fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym : pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

asymptomatic

adj. not experiencing or exhibiting any symptoms of a particular disease or condition, even though the individual may be infected or affected by it

synonym : asymptotic, symptomless, unnoticeable

(1) **asymptomatic** carrier, (2) **asymptomatic** infection

The study showed that one-third of infected individuals could remain **asymptomatic** throughout the disease.

glaring

adj. extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

synonym : blatant, flagrant, obvious

(1) **glaring** example, (2) **glaring** omission

The **glaring** sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

intermission

n. a break or pause in performance, play, or event

synonym : break, pause, hiatus

(1) short **intermission**, (2) without **intermission**

During **intermission**, the audience could stretch their legs and grab a drink.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym : represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

catharsis

n. a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

synonym : cleansing, purification, purging

(1) **catharsis** of grief, (2) spiritual **catharsis**

Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of **catharsis**, helping to relieve stress and anxiety.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

torment

n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

synonym : pain, suffering, agony

(1) **torment** of jealousy, (2) economic **torment**

The torturers inflicted great **torment** upon the prisoners.

soothe

v. to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable

synonym : calm, relax, comfort

(1) **soothe** anxiety, (2) **soothe** a baby to sleep

She applied aloe vera to **soothe** her sunburn.

offstage

adv. in a location outside of the stage area in a theater or other performance venue; not visible to the audience or spectators

synonym : backstage, behind the scenes, off-camera

(1) crack jokes **offstage** during the break, (2) quickly move the props **offstage**

The actors were waiting anxiously **offstage** for their cue to go

on.

rehearsal

n. a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

synonym: practice, run-through, drill

(1) dress **rehearsal**, (2) music **rehearsal**

The theater company had its final **rehearsal** before opening night.

neurology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

synonym: brain science, nervous system, neuropathology

(1) cognitive **neurology**, (2) **neurology** department

She is studying clinical **neurology** to become a brain surgeon.

Alzheimer

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

synonym: dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors

My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

mantra

n. a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

synonym: hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym : cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym : buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

monologue

n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

synonym : soliloquy, speech, address

(1) inner **monologue**, (2) deliver a **monologue**

The actor's **monologue** was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

melancholy

n. a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation

synonym : sadness, sorrow, gloom

(1) feel **melancholy**, (2) nostalgic **melancholy**

His **melancholy** mood was apparent to everyone who knew him.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym : intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

inhale

v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

synonym : breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma

He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

exhale

v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

synonym : breathe out, expel, emit

(1) **exhale** a big sigh, (2) **exhale** cigarette smoke

He took a deep breath and slowly began to **exhale**.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

ignite

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

synonym : light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym : asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

nauseous

adj. causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort

synonym : sickening, queasy, abhorrent

(1) become **nauseous**, (2) **nauseous** stomach

The smell of the fish made me feel **nauseous**.

blister

n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

synonym : sore, vesicle, pustule

(1) **blister** after walking for miles, (2) **blister** treatment

The new hiking shoes gave me a **blister** on my heel after just a few miles of walking.

wrack

n. wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain

synonym : wreckage, ruins, debris

(1) go to **wrack**, (2) **wrack** my brain

The **wrack** left behind by the storm was immense and widespread.

amnesia

n. a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness

synonym : forgetfulness, blackout, memory loss

(1) childhood **amnesia**, (2) **amnesia** by trauma

The accident caused her to suffer from temporary **amnesia**, and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

neurotic

adj. suffering from neurosis or excessive and irrational anxiety or distress, often about everyday situations and circumstances

synonym: anxious, obsessive, compulsive

(1) **neurotic** behavior, (2) **neurotic** disorder

The **neurotic** character is always anxious and worries about everything.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym: honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

Session 2: Spelling

1. tools, hardware, et____ra *n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on
2. quickly move the props of____ge *adv.* in a location outside of the stage area in a theater or other performance venue; not visible to the audience or spectators
3. deliver a mo____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
4. com____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
5. inner mo____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
6. ne____ic disorder *adj.* suffering from neurosis or excessive and irrational anxiety or distress, often about everyday situations and circumstances
7. go to wr__k *n.* wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain
8. in____t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 1. etcetera, 2. offstage, 3. monologue, 4. commemorate, 5. monologue, 6. neurotic, 7. wrack, 8. infect

9. Internet ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
10. mo_____h butterflies *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
11. as____d the ladder *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
12. ou_____t the storm *v.* to endure or last longer than something else; to overcome challenges or obstacles and remain in existence
13. ig___e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
14. Al_____er's risk factors *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
15. ne_____ic behavior *adj.* suffering from neurosis or excessive and irrational anxiety or distress, often about everyday situations and circumstances
16. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
17. hard sw_____ng on the body *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
18. creative m___e *n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

ANSWERS: 9. addict, 10. monarch, 11. ascend, 12. outlast, 13. ignite, 14. Alzheimer, 15. neurotic, 16. pandemic, 17. swelling, 18. muse

19. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
20. bl_____r after walking for miles *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
21. nostalgic mel_____ly *n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation
22. res_____ce in popularity *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
23. childhood am_____a *n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness
24. short int_____ion *n.* a break or pause in performance, play, or event
25. meetings, appointments, and et_____ra *n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on
26. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
27. campaign ma___a *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

ANSWERS: 19. opportune, 20. blister, 21. melancholy, 22. resurgence, 23. amnesia, 24. intermission, 25. etcetera, 26. infect, 27. mantra

28. am_____a by trauma *n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness
29. gl_____g omission *adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
30. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
31. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
32. ca_____is of grief *n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
33. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
34. bl_____r treatment *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
35. to_____t of jealousy *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

ANSWERS: 28. amnesia, 29. glaring, 30. empathy, 31. opportune, 32. catharsis, 33. quote, 34. blister, 35. torment

36. ig___e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
37. so___e anxiety *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
38. so___e a baby to sleep *v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
39. res_____ce of exports *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
40. chant the ma___a of structural reform *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
41. dress re_____al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
42. religious m___e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
43. as___d to power *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

ANSWERS: 36. ignite, 37. soothe, 38. soothe, 39. resurgence, 40. mantra, 41. rehearsal, 42. meme, 43. ascend

44. cor_____us antibody test kit *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
45. wr__k my brain *n.* wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain
46. asy_____tic carrier *adj.* not experiencing or exhibiting any symptoms of a particular disease or condition, even though the individual may be infected or affected by it
47. ex___e a big sigh *v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
48. pronounce m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
49. lymphatic b__o *n.* a swollen and painful lymph node, often caused by a bacterial infection such as the bubonic plague
50. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 44. coronavirus, 45. wrack, 46. asymptomatic, 47. exhale, 48. meme, 49. bubo, 50. empathy

51. chronic bo____m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
52. appeared on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
53. na____us stomach *adj.* causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort
54. ex____e cigarette smoke *v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
55. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
56. national ob____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
57. fe____e ground *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
58. sw____ng of the ankle *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
59. feel mel____ly *n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation

ANSWERS: 51. boredom, 52. onstage, 53. nauseous, 54. exhale, 55. quote, 56. obsession, 57. fertile, 58. swelling, 59. melancholy

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62. Al_____er's brain *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
63. economic to_____t *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
64. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
65. ne_____gy department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
66. in___e the aroma *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

ANSWERS: 60. coronavirus, 61. bubo, 62. Alzheimer, 63. torment, 64. rev, 65. neurology, 66. inhale

67. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
68. com_____te a deed *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
69. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
70. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
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76. em___y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 67. rev, 68. commemorate, 69. astonishing, 70. constellation, 71. fertile, 72. reimagine, 73. glaring, 74. astonishing, 75. unbearable, 76. embody

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85. em____y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 77. unbearable, 78. asymptomatic, 79. addict, 80. intermission, 81. nauseous, 82. catharsis, 83. constellation, 84. muse, 85. embody

86. an absolute mo____h *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
87. flu pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
88. re____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
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ANSWERS: 86. monarch, 87. pandemic, 88. reimagine, 89. inhale, 90. offstage, 91. onstage, 92. rehearsal, 93. outlast, 94. boredom, 95. obsession

96. cognitive ne_____gy

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

ANSWERS: 96. neurology

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
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v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
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4. She came from a commoner background but eventually became the _____ of that country.
n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
5. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
6. He _____ deeply, trying to calm down.
v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
7. The theater company had its final _____ before opening night.
n. a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

ANSWERS: 1. rev, 2. reimagine, 3. blister, 4. monarch, 5. embody, 6. inhaled, 7. rehearsal

8. The study showed that one-third of infected individuals could remain _____ throughout the disease.
adj. not experiencing or exhibiting any symptoms of a particular disease or condition, even though the individual may be infected or affected by it
9. During _____ the audience could stretch their legs and grab a drink.
n. a break or pause in performance, play, or event
10. The _____ character is always anxious and worries about everything.
adj. suffering from neurosis or excessive and irrational anxiety or distress, often about everyday situations and circumstances
11. Some species of turtles can _____ human beings by centuries.
v. to endure or last longer than something else; to overcome challenges or obstacles and remain in existence
12. She repeated her personal _____ to herself to stay motivated.
n. a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
13. He _____ the fireworks with a single spark.
v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning
14. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.
n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
15. After years of decline, the city is experiencing a _____ in economic growth.
n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

ANSWERS: 8. asymptomatic, 9. intermission, 10. neurotic, 11. outlast, 12. mantra, 13. ignited, 14. meme, 15. resurgence

16. After intensive icing by the trainer, the _____ went down.
- n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
17. He took a deep breath and slowly began to _____.
- v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
18. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
19. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
20. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
- adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
21. The patient presented with a painful right inguinal _____.
- n.* a swollen and painful lymph node, often caused by a bacterial infection such as the bubonic plague
22. His _____ mood was apparent to everyone who knew him.
- n.* a feeling of sadness, disappointment, or boredom, often accompanied by a lack of energy or motivation
23. Navigators still use the Little Bear _____ at sea.
- n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

ANSWERS: 16. swelling, 17. exhale, 18. pandemic, 19. Empathy, 20. astonishing, 21. bubo, 22. melancholy, 23. constellation

24. Herbs require _____ soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

25. The actors were waiting anxiously _____ for their cue to go on.

adv. in a location outside of the stage area in a theater or other performance venue; not visible to the audience or spectators

26. Considering the situation of _____ organized stopped this year's beer festival.

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

27. The smell of the fish made me feel _____.

adj. causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort

28. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

29. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

30. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

31. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 24. fertile, 25. offstage, 26. coronavirus, 27. nauseous, 28. onstage, 29. obsession, 30. opportune, 31. addicts

32. The accident caused her to suffer from temporary _____ and she couldn't remember anything that happened before the collision.
- n.* a condition in which a person is unable to remember things, often as a result of brain damage, shock, or illness
33. She applied aloe vera to _____ her sunburn.
- v.* to calm or comfort someone or something; to make something less painful or uncomfortable
34. She is studying clinical _____ to become a brain surgeon.
- n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
35. The country _____ the war heroes on Memorial Day.
- v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
36. My grandmother has _____ disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.
- n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
37. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.
- v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
38. The museum contains a variety of artifacts, from ancient pottery to medieval armor, _____.
- n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on

ANSWERS: 32. amnesia, 33. soothe, 34. neurology, 35. commemorated, 36. Alzheimer's, 37. quoted, 38. etcetera

39. The loss of his wife was an _____ sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

40. The _____ sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

adj. extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

41. She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her _____ to strike.

n. a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

42. Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of _____ helping to relieve stress and anxiety.

n. a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

43. The torturers inflicted great _____ upon the prisoners.

n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

44. The plane began to _____ into the sky.

v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

45. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off _____.

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

46. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 39. unbearable, 40. glaring, 41. muse, 42. catharsis, 43. torment, 44. ascend, 45. boredom, 46. infect

47. The _____ left behind by the storm was immense and widespread.

n. wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain

48. The actor's _____ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

ANSWERS: 47. wrack, 48. monologue