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Session 1: Word List

unacceptably

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

synonym: improperly, unsatisfactorily, inadequately

(1) **unacceptably** high prices, (2) **unacceptably** poor

The restaurant's service was **unacceptably** slow.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym: ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**
The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society
Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city
synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners
Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

fracture

n. the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone

synonym: break, crack, rupture

(1) **fracture** test, (2) risk of bone **fractures**

X-ray inspection revealed many **fractures**.

inhuman

adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for

others' suffering or dignity

synonym : brutal, hardhanded, cruel

(1) **inhuman** act, (2) **inhuman** conditions

Prisoners were subjected to **inhuman** treatment in an overcrowded jail.

nutshell

n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something

synonym : summary, essence, covering

(1) move into a **nutshell**, (2) **nutshell** version

Can you explain your argument in a **nutshell**?

redesign

v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

synonym : revamp, rework, remodel

(1) **redesign** project, (2) **redesign** of lifestyle

The company is planning to **redesign** its website.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym : core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

constitute

v. to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something

synonym : comprise, form, make up

(1) **constitute** a threat, (2) **constitute** a majority

The new regulations **constitute** a significant change in the industry standards.

leisure

n. the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities

synonym : relaxation, rest, downtime

(1) **leisure** activity, (2) a person of **leisure**

I like to spend my **leisure** time playing sports or reading on weekends.

noisy

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

synonym : loud, cacophonous, clamorous

(1) **noisy** neighbor, (2) **noisy** party

The construction outside was creating a **noisy** distraction from my work.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

synonym : contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area

The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

dysfunction

n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

synonym : malfunction, disorder, disfunction

(1) **dysfunction** of kidneys, (2) brain **dysfunction**

The **dysfunction** in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.

indignity

n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment

synonym : humiliation, insult, offense

(1) **indignity** of poverty, (2) suffer an **indignity**

Being demoted at work was a great **indignity** to him.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym : summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit
This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym: purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

vicinity

n. the area or region surrounding or in the general vicinity of a particular place or location; a nearby or neighboring region

synonym: proximity, nearness, locality

(1) immediate **vicinity**, (2) city and its **vicinity**

The area in the **vicinity** of the mall is known for its heavy traffic congestion.

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym:

supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family
People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

fountain

n. a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water

synonym: spring, well, spout

(1) **fountain** plaza, (2) decorative **fountain**

The **fountain** in the park provided a relaxing atmosphere.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

proximity

n. the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time

synonym: nearness, closeness, vicinity

(1) **proximity** sensor,, (2) geographical **proximity**

The **proximity** of the two cities makes it easy to travel between them.

solidarity

n. unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

synonym: unity, cooperation, mutual support

(1) **solidarity** among union members, (2) **solidarity** action

The workers showed **solidarity** in their strike for better working conditions.

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.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

hamlet

n. a small village or settlement, often without a church

synonym: village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

synonym: animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors

A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

dynamism

n. the quality of being characterized by continuous change, activity, and progress; energy or forcefulness in movement or action

synonym : energy, liveliness, vigor

(1) the **dynamism** of the market, (2) creative **dynamism**

The **dynamism** of the new CEO has revitalized the struggling company.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

pleasant

adj. enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable

synonym : agreeable, delightful, pleasing

(1) **pleasant** news, (2) **pleasant** odor

The hotel's staff is very **pleasant** and efficient.

agile

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym : nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements

The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym : adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

downtown

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

synonym : central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

fringe

n. a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group

synonym : border, edging, trim

(1) **fringe** benefit, (2) on the **fringe** of the city

The dress had a **fringe** of beads along the hem.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

mayor

n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government

synonym : governor, leader, chief executive

(1) a deputy **mayor**, (2) **mayor's** race

The incumbent **mayor** announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym : crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym: diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym: roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym: foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

fabricate

v. to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone

synonym: manufacture, assemble, falsify

(1) **fabricate** a chemical, (2) **fabricate** an excuse

The detective discovered that the witness had **fabricated** her story about the crime.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym: beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

imperative

adj. very important or requiring attention or action

synonym: compulsory, binding, critical

(1) moral **imperative**, (2) **imperative** need

It is **imperative** for politicians to be effective communicators.

jam

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

synonym: difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**

The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

mall

n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses

synonym: shopping center, shopping complex

(1) largest electronic **mall**, (2) **mall** crawler

Many people go to the shopping **mall** to socialize and spend time with friends.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym: blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

illusory

adj. not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion

synonym: illusive, deceptive, delusional

(1) **illusory** wealth, (2) **illusory** hope

The promise of easy money turned out to be **illusory**.

acceleration

n. a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time

synonym: speed up, quicken, hastening

(1) a unit of **acceleration**, (2) **acceleration** of an object

The car's **acceleration** was impressive, going from 0 to 60 mph in just 5 seconds.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym: gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re_____le these differences
v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
2. immediate vi_____ty
n. the area or region surrounding or in the general vicinity of a particular place or location; a nearby or neighboring region
3. IT inf_____ure
n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
4. a city vi_____t with life
adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
5. do_____wn traffic
adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city
6. re_____gn project
v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
7. ab_____d storyline
adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
8. co_____t car
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
9. cr_____ve writing
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
10. a det_____nt of crop yields
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 1. reconcile, 2. vicinity, 3. infrastructure, 4. vibrant, 5. downtown, 6. redesign, 7. absurd, 8. concept, 9. creative, 10. determinant

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| 11. ur__n property owners | <i>adj.</i> relating to or located in a town or city |
| 12. meet with opp_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement |
| 13. inf_____ure cost | <i>n.</i> the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies |
| 14. una_____bly poor | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory |
| 15. fr___e benefit | <i>n.</i> a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group |
| 16. re_____le a dispute | <i>v.</i> to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist |
| 17. th___e on pressure | <i>v.</i> to grow vigorously; to make steady progress |
| 18. re_____on strategy | <i>n.</i> a decrease in size, amount, or degree |
| 19. a deputy ma__r | <i>n.</i> an elected official who presides over a city or town government |
| 20. fl_____le schedules | <i>adj.</i> able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily |
| 21. co_____ge of a series | <i>v.</i> to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet |

ANSWERS: 11. urban, 12. opposition, 13. infrastructure, 14. unacceptably, 15. fringe, 16. reconcile, 17. thrive, 18. reduction, 19. mayor, 20. flexible, 21. converge

22. do____wn building *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
23. universal es____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
24. irregular heart rh____m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
25. the ec____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
26. economic bu____e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
27. the wel____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
28. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
29. re____gn of lifestyle *v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
30. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
31. the dy____sm of the market *n.* the quality of being characterized by continuous change, activity, and progress; energy or forcefulness in movement or action

ANSWERS: 22. downtown, 23. essence, 24. rhythm, 25. ecology, 26. bubble, 27. well-being, 28. bang, 29. redesign, 30. bang, 31. dynamism

32. una_____bly high prices *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
33. move into a nu_____ll *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
34. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
35. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
36. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
37. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
38. sol_____ty action *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
39. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
40. an ag__e mind *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
41. fr_____re test *n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
42. city and its vi_____ty *n.* the area or region surrounding or in the general vicinity of a particular place or location; a nearby or neighboring region

ANSWERS: 32. unacceptably, 33. nutshell, 34. traffic, 35. transformation, 36. concept, 37. climate, 38. solidarity, 39. district, 40. agile, 41. fracture, 42. vicinity

43. ag__e in his movements *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
44. daily co_____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
45. first l__e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
46. pl_____nt odor *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
47. on the fr___e of the city *n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
48. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
49. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
50. geographical pr_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time
51. ma__r's race *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government

ANSWERS: 43. agile, 44. commute, 45. lane, 46. pleasant, 47. fringe, 48. economy, 49. rural, 50. proximity, 51. mayor

52. brain dys_____on *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
53. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
54. a fl_____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
55. creative dy_____sm *n.* the quality of being characterized by continuous change, activity, and progress; energy or forcefulness in movement or action
56. pl_____nt news *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
57. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
58. fa_____te a chemical *v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
59. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
60. w__p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

ANSWERS: 52. dysfunction, 53. lane, 54. flexible, 55. dynamism, 56. pleasant, 57. encourage, 58. fabricate, 59. involve, 60. warp

61. suffer an in_____ty *n.* an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment
62. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
63. m__l crawler *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
64. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
65. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
66. dys_____on of kidneys *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
67. variety of vi_____t colors *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
68. decorative fo_____in *n.* a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
69. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
70. acc_____ion of an object *n.* a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
71. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 61. indignity, 62. rural, 63. mall, 64. adopt, 65. essence, 66. dysfunction, 67. vibrant, 68. fountain, 69. rethink, 70. acceleration, 71. distance

72. no__y neighbor *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
73. a traffic j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
74. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
75. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
76. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
77. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
78. dec_____ize authority *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
79. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
80. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
81. sol_____ty among union members *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
82. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 72. noisy, 73. jam, 74. instance, 75. well-being, 76. transformation, 77. bubble, 78. decentralize, 79. constantly, 80. district, 81. solidarity, 82. develop

83. le____e activity *n.* the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
84. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
85. con_____te a majority *v.* to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something
86. a person of le____e *n.* the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
87. nu_____ll version *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
88. for the s__e of argument *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
89. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
90. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
91. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
92. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

ANSWERS: 83. leisure, 84. urban, 85. constitute, 86. leisure, 87. nutshell, 88. sake, 89. traffic, 90. adopt, 91. participate, 92. pace

93. science of ec____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
94. a gradual re_____on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
95. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
96. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
97. il_____ry wealth *adj.* not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion
98. fa_____te an excuse *v.* to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone
99. in_____ty of poverty *n.* an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment
100. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
101. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly

ANSWERS: 93. ecology, 94. reduction, 95. economy, 96. commute, 97. illusory, 98. fabricate, 99. indignity, 100. lab, 101. frequent

102. fr____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
103. largest electronic m__l *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
104. historic ha____t *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
105. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
106. co____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
107. risk of bone fr____res *n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
108. become w__ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
109. inn____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
110. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
111. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 102. frequent, 103. mall, 104. hamlet, 105. develop, 106. converge, 107. fracture, 108. warp, 109. innovation, 110. modern, 111. feat

112. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
113. po____ed air *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
114. opp____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
115. cutting-edge inn____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
116. en____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
117. an ab____d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
118. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
119. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
120. ha____t village *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
121. tr____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
122. a reckless at____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

ANSWERS: 112. instance, 113. polluted, 114. opposition, 115. innovation, 116. encourage, 117. absurd, 118. climate, 119. peak, 120. hamlet, 121. transform, 122. attempt

123. imp_____ve need *adj.* very important or requiring attention or action
124. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
125. in_____n conditions *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
126. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
127. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
128. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
129. a unit of acc_____ion *n.* a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
130. de_____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
131. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
132. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
133. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

ANSWERS: 123. imperative, 124. participate, 125. inhuman, 126. fin, 127. attempt, 128. lab, 129. acceleration, 130. degrade, 131. thrive, 132. peak, 133. pace

134. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
135. no__y party *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
136. moral imp_____ve *adj.* very important or requiring attention or action
137. in_____n act *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
138. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
139. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
140. dec_____ize organizational structure *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
141. the pr_____er of the family *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
142. pr_____ty sensor, *n.* the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time
143. for your own s__e *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
144. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
145. a jar of j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

ANSWERS: 134. rethink, 135. noisy, 136. imperative, 137. inhuman, 138. massive, 139. principle, 140. decentralize, 141. provider, 142. proximity, 143. sake, 144. constantly, 145. jam

146. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
147. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
148. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
149. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
150. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
151. fo_____in plaza *n.* a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
152. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
153. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
154. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
155. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 146. adapt, 147. modern, 148. feat, 149. degrade, 150. sustainable, 151. fountain, 152. principle, 153. fin, 154. creative, 155. involve

156. an information pr_____er *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
157. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
158. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
159. in samba rh____m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
160. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
161. con_____te a threat *v.* to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something
162. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
163. cadmium-po_____ed area *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
164. il_____ry hope *adj.* not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion
165. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
166. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 156. provider, 157. determinant, 158. sustainable, 159. rhythm, 160. adapt, 161. constitute, 162. transform, 163. polluted, 164. illusory, 165. massive, 166. distance

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
 - v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

2. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
 - n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

3. The new regulations _____ a significant change in the industry standards.
 - v. to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something

4. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
 - v. to take part in something

5. We need to _____ our data to recover quickly from a disaster.
 - v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

6. It is _____ for politicians to be effective communicators.
 - adj. very important or requiring attention or action

7. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
 - adv. all the time

ANSWERS: 1. develop, 2. peak, 3. constitute, 4. participated, 5. decentralize, 6. imperative, 7. constantly

8. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.
adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
9. The _____ of the new CEO has revitalized the struggling company.
n. the quality of being characterized by continuous change, activity, and progress; energy or forcefulness in movement or action
10. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
11. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
12. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.
n. purpose; reason for wanting something done
13. The promise of easy money turned out to be _____.
adj. not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion
14. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
15. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

ANSWERS: 8. absurd, 9. dynamism, 10. distance, 11. ecology, 12. sake, 13. illusory, 14. concept, 15. sustainable

16. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
17. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.
- adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
18. The ship's hull was _____ from years of use in rough seas.
- v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
19. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
20. The _____ development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.
- adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
21. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
22. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

ANSWERS: 16. involves, 17. flexible, 18. warped, 19. district, 20. agile, 21. determinant, 22. innovation

23. People select Internet _____ not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.
- n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
24. I like to spend my _____ time playing sports or reading on weekends.
- n.* the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
25. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.
- v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
26. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small _____.
- n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
27. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
28. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
29. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
30. The hotel's staff is very _____ and efficient.
- adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable

ANSWERS: 23. providers, 24. leisure, 25. commute, 26. hamlet, 27. bubble, 28. instances, 29. principle, 30. pleasant

31. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.
adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
32. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
33. Many people go to the shopping _____ to socialize and spend time with friends.
n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
34. The river was _____ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.
adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
35. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.
n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
36. Can you explain your argument in a _____
n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
37. The third _____ was far more successful.
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
38. His heartaches are less _____ now.
adj. happening constantly
39. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

ANSWERS: 31. vibrant, 32. Climate, 33. mall, 34. polluted, 35. rhythm, 36. nutshell?, 37. attempt, 38. frequent, 39. lab

40. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

41. The car's _____ was impressive, going from 0 to 60 mph in just 5 seconds.

n. a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time

42. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

43. The detective discovered that the witness had _____ her story about the crime.

v. to make something, especially by assembling parts or constructing it from raw materials; to invent and present something false as true or real to deceive someone

44. Being demoted at work was a great _____ to him.

n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment

45. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

46. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

47. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 40. urban, 41. acceleration, 42. fins, 43. fabricated, 44. indignity, 45. pace, 46. transformations, 47. transformed

48. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

49. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

50. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

51. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

52. The _____ of the two cities makes it easy to travel between them.

n. the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time

53. The _____ in the park provided a relaxing atmosphere.

n. a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water

54. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.

adj. of or relating to the countryside

ANSWERS: 48. creative, 49. massive, 50. encouraged, 51. traffic, 52. proximity, 53. fountain, 54. rural

55. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
- v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
56. The area in the _____ of the mall is known for its heavy traffic congestion.
- n.* the area or region surrounding or in the general vicinity of a particular place or location; a nearby or neighboring region
57. X-ray inspection revealed many _____.
- n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
58. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
- n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
59. The company is planning to _____ its website.
- v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
60. The dress had a _____ of beads along the hem.
- n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
61. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
62. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 55. thrive, 56. vicinity, 57. fractures, 58. essence, 59. redesign, 60. fringe, 61. adopted, 62. infrastructure

63. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.
v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
64. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
65. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
66. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree
67. Prisoners were subjected to _____ treatment in an overcrowded jail.
adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
68. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.
adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city
69. The incumbent _____ announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.
n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government
70. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

ANSWERS: 63. reconcile, 64. opposition, 65. modern, 66. reduction, 67. inhuman, 68. downtown, 69. mayor, 70. well-being

71. The restaurant's service was _____ slow.

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

72. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

73. The workers showed _____ in their strike for better working conditions.

n. unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

74. The construction outside was creating a _____ distraction from my work.

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

75. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

76. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

77. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

78. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 71. unacceptably, 72. lane, 73. solidarity, 74. noisy, 75. converge, 76. degrade, 77. rethink, 78. economy

79. The shredder in the print room often has paper _____.
n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
80. The _____ in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.
n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
81. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
82. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
83. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 79. jams, 80. dysfunction, 81. adapt, 82. bang, 83. feat