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Session 1: Word List

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

synonym: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

dragon

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

synonym: wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

joust

n. a medieval sport in which two knights on horseback charge at each other with lances, trying to knock each other off their horses; a heated competition or argument

synonym: contest, tournament, competition

(1) **joust** tournament, (2) saber **joust**

The medieval **joust** was a popular form of entertainment and spectacle during the Middle Ages.

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym: transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

candid

adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

synonym : honest, frank, straightforward

(1) **candid** conversation, (2) in my **candid** opinion

The **candid** photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym : provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

statesman

n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

synonym : solon, politician, legislator

(1) a woman **statesman**, (2) international **statesman**

This statue honors a distinguished **statesman**.

eyebrow

n. the hair arc over each eye in humans

synonym : brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym : elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym : choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym : contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym : slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

cryptic

adj. having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature

synonym : enigmatic, mysterious, obscure

(1) **cryptic** language, (2) **cryptic** crossword

The message was so **cryptic** that I had no idea what it

meant.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym : behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research
Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

poll

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

- (1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,
- (2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

deny

- v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

- (1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

frequent

- adj.* happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

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

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

calculation

- n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

synonym: analysis, computation, estimate

- (1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain

The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

pollee

- n.* a person or entity who is being polled or surveyed to gather opinions or data

synonym: interviewee, respondent, survey taker

- (1) **pollee** survey, (2) **pollee** in the recent election

The **pollee's** response in the survey indicated a strong preference for increased funding in public education.

flip

- v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym: throw, jump

- (1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

synonym: taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

subtract

v. to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole

synonym: deduct, take away, remove

(1) **subtract** numbers, (2) **subtract** one from the total

I need to **subtract** the cost of my expenses from my income to see how much money I have left.

certify

v. to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true

synonym: accredit, approve, authorize

(1) **certify** product quality, (2) **certify** the authenticity of the painting

As a witness, I can **certify** his innocence.

swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

synonym: dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator

The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

crisp

adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

synonym: breakable, brittle, flaky

(1) the **crisp** air of winter, (2) **crisp** manner

Every day he wears a **crisp** white shirt to the office.

flaw

n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

synonym : defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor **flaw**, (2) the **flaw** in the legislation

Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym : fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

mandate

n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

synonym : command, instruction, authority

(1) **mandate** obligation, (2) an Imperial **mandate**

The **mandate** given to the new government is to improve the economy.

challenger

n. a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge

synonym : contender, rival, contestant

(1) **challenger** brand, (2) political **challenger**

The **challenger** in the boxing match put up a good fight.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym : slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

synonym : disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym : mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym : throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym :

guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line

synonym: line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees
He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number
The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love
Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym: ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**
He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

announce

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

synonym: disclose, declare, broadcast

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

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

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**.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym: edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
2. t__s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
3. po___e survey *n.* a person or entity who is being polled or surveyed to gather opinions or data
4. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
5. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
6. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
7. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
8. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
9. s__w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. giant, 2. toss, 3. pollee, 4. claim, 5. prefer, 6. murder, 7. sham, 8. decide, 9. skew

10. fr____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
11. di____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
12. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
13. ce____y the authenticity of the painting *v.* to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true
14. jo__t tournament *n.* a medieval sport in which two knights on horseback charge at each other with lances, trying to knock each other off their horses; a heated competition or argument
15. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
16. mass tr____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
17. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
18. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
19. direct pro____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
20. cha____er brand *n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge
21. an____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

ANSWERS: 10. frequent, 11. disguise, 12. giant, 13. certify, 14. joust, 15. row, 16. transit, 17. hire, 18. pause, 19. proportion, 20. challenger, 21. announce

22. an Imperial ma_____e *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
23. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
24. de_____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
25. dr____n fruit *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
26. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
27. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
28. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
29. sw__p up the escalator *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
30. in my ca____d opinion *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
31. junior fe____w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
32. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
33. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 22. mandate, 23. outcome, 24. declare, 25. dragon, 26. deny, 27. hire, 28. accurate, 29. swoop, 30. candid, 31. fellow, 32. controversial, 33. flip

34. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
35. saber jo__t *n.* a medieval sport in which two knights on horseback charge at each other with lances, trying to knock each other off their horses; a heated competition or argument
36. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
37. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
38. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
39. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
40. political cha_____er *n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge
41. cr__p manner *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
42. dr___n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

ANSWERS: 34. row, 35. joust, 36. proportion, 37. victim, 38. random, 39. fantasy, 40. challenger, 41. crisp, 42. dragon

43. ce____y product quality *v.* to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true
44. copyright tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
45. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
46. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
47. 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
48. make a cal_____on *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
49. the cr__p air of winter *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
50. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
51. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

ANSWERS: 43. certify, 44. troll, 45. combination, 46. democracy, 47. rev, 48. calculation, 49. crisp, 50. poll, 51. margin

52. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
53. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
54. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
55. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
56. su_____ct numbers *v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
57. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
58. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
59. an oxygen m__k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
60. m__k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
61. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
62. ma_____e obligation *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
63. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

ANSWERS: 52. poll, 53. deny, 54. interaction, 55. conduct, 56. subtract, 57. voter, 58. realm, 59. mask, 60. mask, 61. combination, 62. mandate, 63. prefer

64. ca___d conversation *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
65. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
66. t__s the bottle into a trash can *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
67. a profit ma___n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
68. his meal pre_____ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
69. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
70. the national con_____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
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ANSWERS: 64. candid, 65. survey, 66. toss, 67. margin, 68. preference, 69. random, 70. constitution, 71. debate, 72. predict

73. ac____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
74. fr____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
75. an____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
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ANSWERS: 73. accurate, 74. frequent, 75. announce, 76. subtract, 77. flaw, 78. fellow, 79. sham, 80. democracy, 81. flip, 82. statesman, 83. suppose

84. ey____w cosmetics *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
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91. an eligible vo__r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
92. cr____c crossword *adj.* having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature
93. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
94. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

ANSWERS: 84. eyebrow, 85. roll, 86. calculation, 87. fantasy, 88. skew, 89. roll, 90. conduct, 91. voter, 92. cryptic, 93. distribute, 94. disguise

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102. pa___e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
103. a woman st_____an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
104. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
105. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
106. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 95. victim, 96. realm, 97. suppose, 98. pollee, 99. declare, 100. transit, 101. swoop, 102. pause, 103. statesman, 104. murder, 105. interaction, 106. outcome

107. raise her ey____ws *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
108. the f__w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
109. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
110. cr____c language *adj.* having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature
111. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
112. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
113. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
114. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
115. 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
116. pr____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 107. eyebrow, 108. flaw, 109. controversial, 110. cryptic, 111. survey, 112. elect, 113. decide, 114. distribute, 115. rev, 116. predict

117. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
118. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
119. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
120. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
121. feed a tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

ANSWERS: 117. preference, 118. claim, 119. elect, 120. debate, 121. troll

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
2. In Chinese mythology, _____ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.
n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
3. This statue honors a distinguished _____.
n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
4. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country
n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
5. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
6. The man _____ before opening the door.
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
7. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. row, 2. dragons, 3. statesman, 4. constitution, 5. debate, 6. paused, 7. outcome

8. His estate was _____ to his sons.
- v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
9. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.
- n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
10. The eagle _____ down from the sky to catch its prey.
- v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
11. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.
- n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
12. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- 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
13. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
14. His heartaches are less _____ now.
- adj. happening constantly
15. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
- v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 8. distributed, 9. preference, 10. swooped, 11. troll, 12. rev, 13. suppose, 14. frequent, 15. predict

16. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally
17. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
18. As a witness, I can _____ his innocence.
v. to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true
19. The _____ in the boxing match put up a good fight.
n. a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge
20. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
21. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
v. to give somebody a job
22. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
23. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
24. The error in the _____ was attributable to rounding.
n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

ANSWERS: 16. murder, 17. voter, 18. certify, 19. challenger, 20. flipped, 21. hire, 22. combination, 23. victim, 24. calculation

25. The data he prepared was completely _____.

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

26. The message was so _____ that I had no idea what it meant.

adj. having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature

27. Every day he wears a _____ white shirt to the office.

adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

28. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

29. The _____ given to the new government is to improve the economy.

n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

30. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

31. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

32. Even the slightest design _____ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

ANSWERS: 25. sham, 26. cryptic, 27. crisp, 28. declared, 29. mandate, 30. proportion, 31. prefer, 32. flaw

33. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
- v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
34. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.
- adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
35. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
36. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.
- v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
37. The _____ photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.
- adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
38. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.
- n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
39. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
- n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
40. The medieval _____ was a popular form of entertainment and spectacle during the Middle Ages.
- n.* a medieval sport in which two knights on horseback charge at each other with lances, trying to knock each other off their horses; a heated competition or argument

ANSWERS: 33. announced, 34. fellow, 35. rolled, 36. tossed, 37. candid, 38. realm, 39. survey, 40. joust

41. I need to _____ the cost of my expenses from my income to see how much money I have left.
- v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
42. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.
- v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
43. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
- adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
44. The politician tried to _____ the corruption.
- v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
45. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
- v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
46. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.
- n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
47. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.
- adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
48. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.
- n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

ANSWERS: 41. subtract, 42. disguised, 43. random, 44. mask, 45. elected, 46. transit, 47. controversial, 48. polls

49. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
50. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
51. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
52. The _____ response in the survey indicated a strong preference for increased funding in public education.
- n.* a person or entity who is being polled or surveyed to gather opinions or data
53. She raised an inquiring _____ towards me.
- n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
54. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
- adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
55. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
- adj.* correct and exact in all details
56. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
- v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
57. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
- n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

ANSWERS: 49. Democracy, 50. fantasy, 51. decide, 52. pollee's, 53. eyebrow, 54. giant, 55. accurate, 56. conduct, 57. margin

58. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

- n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

59. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

60. The results of the poll are _____ because it only surveyed a small group of people.

- v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

61. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

- v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

ANSWERS: 58. interaction, 59. claim, 60. skewed, 61. denying