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Session 1: Word List

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

barefoot

adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

synonym: bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) **barefoot** walk, (2) **barefoot** fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

eternal

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

synonym: endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling

In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym: blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

victory

n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

synonym: win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

monument

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

synonym: memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring

The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

lullaby

n. a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect

synonym: cradle song, lilt, melody

(1) **lullaby** song, (2) soothing **lullaby**

The soft and gentle melody of the **lullaby** filled the room.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym: shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

rig

v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

synonym : set up, prepare, arrange

(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails

He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

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**.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

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.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym : friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

demonstration

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

synonym : manifestation, presentation, show

(1) **demonstration** project, (2) a campus **demonstration**
Thousands of people attended the protest **demonstration**
against the proposed policy.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person
in charge of the organization such as a company,
university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance
The club **president** does not have absolute power.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them
from leaving

synonym: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone
to punish them, extract information from them, or for
some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international
law.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym: novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business
opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting
took place throughout the event.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

lawless

adj. lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system

synonym : unlawful, illegal, criminal

(1) **lawless** society, (2) **lawless** behavior

The underground club was a **lawless** environment where anything could happen.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

province

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

synonym : area, section, region

(1) Bengal **province**, (2) home **province**

A network of railways has developed over the **province**.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym : aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym : show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym : aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

courage

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

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

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

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

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym : prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

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.

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.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym : banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

regime

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

synonym : administration, establishment, government

(1) a puppet **regime**, (2) exercise **regime**

Totalitarian **regimes** are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

rally

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

synonym : gathering, meetup, demonstration

(1) **rally** in front of the embassy, (2) the preliminary **rally**

There was a massive police presence at the anti-government **rally**.

overly

adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable

synonym : excessively, too much

(1) **overly** excessive, (2) **overly** unnecessary

The movie was **overly** dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and cliched plot twists.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym : vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

unity

n. the condition of being together or in agreement

synonym : accord, agreement, integrity

(1) **unity** of authority, (2) cultural **unity**

Complete political **unity** is impossible to establish.

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.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his

commitments

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

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.

tangible

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

synonym : palpable, real, actual

(1) **tangible** assets, (2) produce **tangible** results

A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes **tangible**.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym : courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

invincible

adj. incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable

synonym : unassailable, unbeatable, indomitable

(1) **invincible** army, (2) **invincible** will

The team felt **invincible** after their winning streak.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pr__e of a company
n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
2. a to____e chamber
n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
3. simmering fl__e
n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
4. la____s society
adj. lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
5. a puppet re____e
n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
6. pe____ul coexistence
adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war
7. da____g escape
adj. brave and taking risks
8. Bengal pr____ce
n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
9. be in j__l
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
10. mental co____e
n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 1. pride, 2. torture, 3. flame, 4. lawless, 5. regime, 6. peaceful, 7. daring, 8. province, 9. jail, 10. courage

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| 11. vi_____y over terrorism | <i>n.</i> success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won |
| 12. unp_____ted business opportunity | <i>adj.</i> never having been seen, done, or known before |
| 13. adamantly d__y killing | <i>v.</i> to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something |
| 14. is_____on booth | <i>n.</i> the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups |
| 15. sol_____ty action | <i>n.</i> unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest |
| 16. meet his com_____nts | <i>n.</i> a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way |
| 17. el_____e educational standards | <i>v.</i> to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position |
| 18. a silent pr_____t | <i>n.</i> a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition |
| 19. dem_____ion project | <i>n.</i> a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others |
| 20. d__y the allegations | <i>v.</i> to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something |
| 21. soothing lu_____y | <i>n.</i> a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect |

ANSWERS: 11. victory, 12. unprecedented, 13. deny, 14. isolation, 15. solidarity, 16. commitment, 17. elevate, 18. protest, 19. demonstration, 20. deny, 21. lullaby

22. hu_____te the heckler in the audience
v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
23. political ex___e
n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
24. the hope of et_____l life
adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever
25. vi_____y in the law court
n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
26. br___e soldier
adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
27. de___n a terrorist
v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
28. vice-pr_____nt for finance
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
29. hu_____te him publicly
v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
30. ma_____e amounts
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
31. humanity's mo_____nt
n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
32. et_____l quarreling
adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

ANSWERS: 22. humiliate, 23. exile, 24. eternal, 25. victory, 26. brave, 27. detain, 28. president, 29. humiliate, 30. massive, 31. monument, 32. eternal

33. hold a pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
34. pr____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
35. former co____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
36. r_g a ship with new sails *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
37. ba____ot fashion *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
38. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
39. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
40. pe____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
41. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
42. the preliminary ra__y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
43. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 33. protest, 34. proclaim, 35. colleague, 36. rig, 37. barefoot, 38. decision, 39. flame, 40. peaceful, 41. jail, 42. rally, 43. elect

44. r_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
45. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
46. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
47. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
48. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
49. de_____n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
50. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
51. lu_____y song *n.* a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect
52. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
53. dis_____ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

ANSWERS: 44. rig, 45. colleague, 46. fellow, 47. violent, 48. elevate, 49. detain, 50. threaten, 51. lullaby, 52. strength, 53. discriminate

54. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
55. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
56. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
57. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
58. mo_____nt honoring *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
59. exercise re_____e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
60. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
61. fe_____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
62. cultural un__y *n.* the condition of being together or in agreement
63. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
64. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 54. exile, 55. violent, 56. brave, 57. decision, 58. monument, 59. regime, 60. frightening, 61. fearless, 62. unity, 63. massive, 64. torture

65. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
66. a campus dem_____ion *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
67. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
68. a home for the el_____y *adj.* (a polite word for) old
69. sol_____ty among union members *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
70. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
71. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
72. home pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
73. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
74. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
75. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

ANSWERS: 65. regard, 66. demonstration, 67. frightening, 68. elderly, 69. solidarity, 70. rally, 71. responsible, 72. province, 73. courage, 74. president, 75. expand

76. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
77. the country's is_____on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
78. inv_____le will *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
79. produce ta_____le results *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
80. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
81. la_____s behavior *adj.* lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
82. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
83. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
84. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 76. authoritarian, 77. isolation, 78. invincible, 79. tangible, 80. proclaim, 81. lawless, 82. authoritarian, 83. discriminate, 84. commitment

85. make a da___g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
86. th___en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
87. de_____cy advocate *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
88. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
89. 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
90. un___y of authority *n.* the condition of being together or in agreement
91. unpre_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
92. ba___ot walk *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
93. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
94. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
95. ov___y unnecessary *adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
96. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
97. hide his pr___e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

ANSWERS: 85. daring, 86. threaten, 87. democracy, 88. expand, 89. fellow, 90. unity, 91. unprecedented, 92. barefoot, 93. progression, 94. responsible, 95. overly, 96. progression, 97. pride

98. ta____le assets *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
99. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
100. inv____le army *adj.* incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
101. 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
102. ov____y excessive *adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
103. fe____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
104. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
105. el____y woman *adj.* (a polite word for) old
106. re____d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

ANSWERS: 98. tangible, 99. strength, 100. invincible, 101. democracy, 102. overly, 103. fearless, 104. elect, 105. elderly, 106. regard

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. 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
3. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
4. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
5. A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes _____.
adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
6. That incident led to his _____.
n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
7. The _____ hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.
adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
8. The movie was _____ dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and cliched plot twists.
adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable

ANSWERS: 1. solidarity, 2. elected, 3. proclaimed, 4. massive, 5. tangible, 6. isolation, 7. barefoot, 8. overly

9. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
10. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
11. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
12. The team felt _____ after their winning streak.
adj. incapable of being conquered, defeated, or overcome; unassailable
13. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.
adj. never having been seen, done, or known before
14. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain _____ life.
adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever
15. _____ 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
16. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
17. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 9. protest, 10. elevates, 11. president, 12. invincible, 13. Unprecedented, 14. eternal, 15. Democracy, 16. colleague, 17. progression

18. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
19. Complete political _____ is impossible to establish.
n. the condition of being together or in agreement
20. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
21. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
22. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.
v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
23. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
24. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
25. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
26. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 18. pride, 19. unity, 20. strength, 21. jail, 22. rigged, 23. frightening, 24. commitments, 25. authoritarian, 26. violent

27. You should not _____ against minorities.

- v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

28. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.

- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

29. The _____ woman is quite energetic.

- adj.* (a polite word for) old

30. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

31. The soft and gentle melody of the _____ filled the room.

- n.* a soft and gentle song, often sung to soothe a baby or young child and encourage sleep; any song or piece of music that has a calming or relaxing effect

32. We are optimistic about our final _____.

- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

33. 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

ANSWERS: 27. discriminate, 28. torture, 29. elderly, 30. responsible, 31. lullaby, 32. victory, 33. fellow

34. Totalitarian _____ are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.
- n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
35. A network of railways has developed over the _____.
- n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
36. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.
- n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
37. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
38. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
39. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.
- adj.* brave and taking risks
40. Thousands of people attended the protest _____ against the proposed policy.
- n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
41. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
- n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

ANSWERS: 34. regimes, 35. province, 36. monument, 37. decision, 38. threatening, 39. daring, 40. demonstration, 41. exiled

42. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
43. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
44. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
45. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.
n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
46. The underground club was a _____ environment where anything could happen.
adj. lacking in lawful or legal constraints or restrictions; characterized by disorder, chaos, or anarchy; outside the realm of the law or legal system
47. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
48. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.
adj. having no fear; brave
49. 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: 42. courage, 43. humiliated, 44. regarded, 45. flame, 46. lawless, 47. expand, 48. fearless, 49. denying

50. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

51. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

52. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

53. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

ANSWERS: 50. rally, 51. peaceful, 52. detained, 53. brave