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Session 1: Word List

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.

far-sighted

adj. having a long-range or shrewd foresight, often used to describe a person who can plan or anticipate events and outcomes over a long period of time; able to see distant objects clearly, but not focusing well on close objects

synonym : prescient, foresighted, visionary

(1) **far-sighted** vision, (2) **far-sighted** entrepreneur

A **far-sighted** investment in renewable energy is essential for a sustainable future.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

soil *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
synonym : earth, ground, mud
(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**
Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

cult *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
synonym : sect, faith, religion
(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices
The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

vision *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
synonym : sight, image, concept
(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**
Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

government *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
synonym : administration, regime, state
(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

refuse *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
synonym : turn down, deny, decline
(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company
My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

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.

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**.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

indifferent

adj. having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral

synonym : apathetic, disinterested, unmoved

(1) an **indifferent** glance, (2) emotionally **indifferent**

Despite the good news, she remained **indifferent** to the situation.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

revolutionary

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

synonym: radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice

The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym: chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

disband

v. to break up or cause to disperse, especially formally

synonym: dissolve, break up, disperse

(1) **disband** the assembly, (2) **disband** an organization

The band decided to **disband** the group after several members left.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

redirect

v. to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction

synonym: turn, divert, steer

(1) **redirect** traffic, (2) **redirect** attention

The government decided to **redirect** funding towards education and healthcare.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym: one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding;

difficult to move or change

synonym : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

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.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

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.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym: crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym: intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

procrastinate

v. to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring

synonym: delay, dawdle, hesitate

(1) **procrastinate** about a big challenge, (2) **procrastinate** on my homework

He **procrastinated** the matter until it was almost too late.

decisive

adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

synonym: final, conclusive, unambiguous

(1) a **decisive** ballot, (2) **decisive** action

The **decisive** victory in the war ended years of conflict.

humankind

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

synonym: humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

exaggeration

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

synonym: hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym: child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation

descendant

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

uninhabitable

adj. not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation

synonym: desolate, dilapidated, unlivable

(1) **uninhabitable** conditions, (2) **uninhabitable** apartment

The hurricane left many coastal areas **uninhabitable** for a long time.

exponential

adj. becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents

(1) **exponential** growth, (2) **exponential** function

Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience **exponential** growth.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

irreversible

adj. impossible to change or return to a previous condition

synonym: irrevocable, unrecoverable, permanent

(1) avoid **irreversible** damage, (2) an **irreversible** change

The development of agricultural technology has had an **irreversible** impact on humanity.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

greenhouse

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of

transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

synonym: conservatory

(1) exotic plants in a **greenhouse**, (2) emissions of **greenhouse** gases

The **greenhouse** effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one

location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym : productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

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.

abundant

adj. present in great quantity

synonym : ample, plentiful, generative

(1) live an **abundant** life, (2) an **abundant** supply of water

The country has **abundant** oil and natural gas resources.

regenerate

v. to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful

synonym : renew, revive, improve

(1) **regenerate** bone tissue, (2) a **regenerate** sinner

The new CEO's primary mission is to **regenerate** the company on the verge of bankruptcy.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym : sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

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.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

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.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym : dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym : dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

paralysis

n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

synonym : immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym : positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

conviction

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

synonym : belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

blind

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

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban
Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

naive

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

synonym: innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym: belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

irresponsible

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

synonym: careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

achievement

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

synonym: accomplishment, attainment, triumph

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

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

marathon

n. a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers

synonym: endurance, race, event

(1) run a **marathon**, (2) watch a **marathon**

She successfully completed her first **marathon** with a

personal best time.

hail

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
synonym : greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast
People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
synonym : advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery
A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

utter

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
synonym : absolute, complete, total

(1) **utter** nonsense, (2) **utter** a big sigh
The **utter** chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

gloom

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or

uncertainty

synonym : darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

negotiation

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

synonym : bargaining, dialogue, haggling

(1) **negotiation** process, (2) **negotiation** skills

The **negotiation** between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

synonym : decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

indispensable

adj. so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary

synonym : critical, essential, integral

(1) an **indispensable** duty, (2) foods **indispensable** to good nutrition

She is **indispensable** to our team.

deliberate

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

synonym: intentional, planned, careful

(1) the **deliberate** act of provocation, (2) **deliberate** attempt
Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was **deliberate** about invasion.

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.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

determination

n. the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

synonym: resolve, willpower, conviction

(1) a steely **determination**, (2) **determination** of a DNA sequence

His **determination** to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

confrontation

n. the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

synonym: face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**

The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a

full-blown war.

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym: affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

desire

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

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

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

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

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

urgency

n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

synonym: importance, importunity, urging

(1) **urgency** in the use of force, (2) matter of **urgency**

She departed hurriedly because of some significant **urgency** in their affairs.

temper

n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

synonym: mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**

The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

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.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

dampen

v. to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement

synonym : drench, moisten, saturate

(1) **dampen** the sound, (2) **dampen** the enthusiasm

The rain helped **dampen** the flames of the campfire.

stubbornness

n. the trait of being unyielding, obstinate, or inflexible; a refusal to change one's opinions or behavior despite pressure or persuasion

synonym : inflexibility, doggedness, obstinacy

(1) plain **stubbornness**, (2) show **stubbornness**

Her **stubbornness** in negotiations prevented a successful outcome for both parties.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

synonym : mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

grit

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

synonym : determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

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.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym : unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

indication

n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

synonym : clue, hint, inkling

(1) **indication** of inflation, (2) environmental **indication**

Faces are a good **indication** of age.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

recurring

adj. happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly

synonym : periodic, constant, frequent

(1) **recurring** payments, (2) **recurring** decimals

A **recurring** back pain interfered with his concentration.

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym : agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
2. st____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
3. cost ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
4. a steely det_____ion *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
5. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
6. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
7. exp_____al function *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
8. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
9. re_____ng decimals *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
10. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

ANSWERS: 1. ignore, 2. stubborn, 3. barrier, 4. determination, 5. famine, 6. nation, 7. exponential, 8. opportune, 9. recurring, 10. radical

11. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
12. emissions of gre_____se gases *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
13. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
14. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
15. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
16. re_____ct traffic *v.* to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction
17. ut__r a big sigh *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
18. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
19. g__t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
20. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 11. fierce, 12. greenhouse, 13. desire, 14. refuse, 15. surround, 16. redirect, 17. utter, 18. radical, 19. grit, 20. survive

21. pro_____ate on my homework *v.* to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring
22. da___n the sound *v.* to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement
23. pa_____is in the leg *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
24. environmental ind_____on *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
25. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
26. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
27. an ind_____ble duty *adj.* so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary
28. moral con_____on *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
29. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
30. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

ANSWERS: 21. procrastinate, 22. dampen, 23. paralysis, 24. indication, 25. disease, 26. naive, 27. indispensable, 28. conviction, 29. gradual, 30. mindset

31. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
32. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
33. violent con_____ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
34. minimal exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
35. plain stu_____ess *n.* the trait of being unyielding, obstinate, or inflexible; a refusal to change one's opinions or behavior despite pressure or persuasion
36. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
37. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
38. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 31. cult, 32. nation, 33. confrontation, 34. exaggeration, 35. stubbornness, 36. launch, 37. outlaw, 38. military

39. irr_____ble behavior *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
40. bre_____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
41. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
42. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
43. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
44. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
45. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
46. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
47. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
48. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
49. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
50. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 39. irresponsible, 40. breakthrough, 41. plunge, 42. soil, 43. ecosystem, 44. surround, 45. refuse, 46. condemn, 47. military, 48. ignore, 49. ecosystem, 50. faith

51. show stu_____ess *n.* the trait of being unyielding, obstinate, or inflexible; a refusal to change one's opinions or behavior despite pressure or persuasion
52. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
53. face the da_____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
54. far_____ed entrepreneur *adj.* having a long-range or shrewd foresight, often used to describe a person who can plan or anticipate events and outcomes over a long period of time; able to see distant objects clearly, but not focusing well on close objects
55. re_____ct attention *v.* to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction
56. the em_____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
57. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
58. ask a co_____se question *v.* to talk informally
59. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
60. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 51. stubbornness, 52. courageous, 53. daunting, 54. far-sighted, 55. redirect, 56. emission, 57. odds, 58. converse, 59. commitment, 60. stable

61. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
62. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
63. excessive op_____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
64. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
65. ur_____y in the use of force *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
66. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
67. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
68. ou_____w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
69. moral pa_____is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
70. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
71. exp_____al growth *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
72. det_____ion of a DNA sequence *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

ANSWERS: 61. transform, 62. condemn, 63. optimist, 64. optimism, 65. urgency, 66. increasingly, 67. exciting, 68. outlaw, 69. paralysis, 70. exciting, 71. exponential, 72. determination

73. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
74. have a ni_____re *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
75. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
76. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
77. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
78. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
79. co_____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
80. dec_____ze their manufacturing process *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
81. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
82. enforce rev_____ary justice *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
83. rev_____ary change *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
84. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 73. stumble, 74. nightmare, 75. geopolitical, 76. accelerate, 77. relentless, 78. participate, 79. converse, 80. decarbonize, 81. cult, 82. revolutionary, 83. revolutionary, 84. responsible

85. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
86. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
87. in st____e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
88. as____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
89. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
90. bridle my te____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
91. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
92. uni_____ble conditions *adj.* not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation
93. a reg_____te sinner *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful

ANSWERS: 85. efficient, 86. gradual, 87. stable, 88. assume, 89. basis, 90. temper, 91. progression, 92. uninhabitable, 93. regenerate

94. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
95. matter of ur_____y *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
96. de____t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
97. 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
98. h__l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
99. sensational exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
100. pl____e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
101. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
102. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
103. third-generation des_____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

ANSWERS: 94. accelerate, 95. urgency, 96. defeat, 97. determinant, 98. hail, 99. exaggeration, 100. plunge, 101. attitude, 102. progression, 103. descendant

104. live an ab_____nt life *adj.* present in great quantity
105. h__l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
106. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
107. far_____ed vision *adj.* having a long-range or shrewd foresight, often used to describe a person who can plan or anticipate events and outcomes over a long period of time; able to see distant objects clearly, but not focusing well on close objects
108. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
109. di_____d the assembly *v.* to break up or cause to disperse, especially formally
110. an ind_____nt glance *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
111. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
112. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

ANSWERS: 104. abundant, 105. hail, 106. emergency, 107. far-sighted, 108. collaboration, 109. disband, 110. indifferent, 111. elect, 112. attitude

113. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
114. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
115. da____n the enthusiasm *v.* to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement
116. con_____on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
117. di_____d an organization *v.* to break up or cause to disperse, especially formally
118. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
119. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
120. verbal con_____ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
121. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
122. pro_____ate about a big challenge *v.* to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring

ANSWERS: 113. despair, 114. transform, 115. dampen, 116. conviction, 117. disband, 118. vision, 119. elect, 120. confrontation, 121. transport, 122. procrastinate

123. foods ind_____ble to good nutrition
adj. so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary
124. de_____ve action
adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
125. neg_____on skills
n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
126. cast a tra_____ion spell
n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
127. parched s__l
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
128. st_____d service
n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
129. dec_____ze its energy system
v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
130. bl__d spot
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
131. history of hu_____nd
n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
132. st_____e through life
v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

ANSWERS: 123. indispensable, 124. decisive, 125. negotiation, 126. transformation, 127. soil, 128. steward, 129. decarbonize, 130. blind, 131. humankind, 132. stumble

133. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
134. exotic plants in a gre_____se *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
135. gl__m-filled room *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
136. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
137. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
138. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
139. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
140. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
141. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
142. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 133. government, 134. greenhouse, 135. gloom, 136. increasingly, 137. survive, 138. assume, 139. transport, 140. possibility, 141. launch, 142. despair

143. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
144. avoid irr_____ble damage *adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition
145. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
146. ind_____on of inflation *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
147. del_____te attempt *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
148. st_____rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
149. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
150. a de_____ve ballot *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
151. run a ma_____on *n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
152. na___e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
153. seem like a da_____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
154. o___s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

ANSWERS: 143. transformation, 144. irreversible, 145. famine, 146. indication, 147. deliberate, 148. stubborn, 149. invite, 150. decisive, 151. marathon, 152. naive, 153. daunting, 154. odds

155. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
156. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
157. uni_____ble apartment *adj.* not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation
158. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
159. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
160. student ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
161. hu_____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
162. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
163. re_____ng payments *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
164. st_____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
165. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 155. participate, 156. unique, 157. uninhabitable, 158. collaboration, 159. government, 160. achievement, 161. humankind, 162. responsible, 163. recurring, 164. steward, 165. barrier

166. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
167. watch a ma_____on *n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
168. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
169. 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
170. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
171. bre_____ugh in the negotiations *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
172. an ab_____nt supply of water *adj.* present in great quantity
173. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
174. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
175. en_____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
176. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

ANSWERS: 166. courageous, 167. marathon, 168. optimism, 169. democracy, 170. conflict, 171. breakthrough, 172. abundant, 173. possibility, 174. envision, 175. envision, 176. relentless

177. reduce geo_____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
178. 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
179. a fi_____e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
180. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
181. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
182. 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
183. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
184. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
185. ni_____re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream

ANSWERS: 177. geopolitical, 178. economy, 179. fierce, 180. historic, 181. historic, 182. democracy, 183. blind, 184. basis, 185. nightmare

186. con_____te a large sum of money
to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or
goods, to provide or achieve something
together with other people
187. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike
anything else
188. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war,
or attempt
189. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or
goods, to provide or achieve something
together with other people
190. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do
something or to behave in a certain way
191. the del_____te act of provocation *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature
and effects rather than by accident
192. irr_____ble actions *adj.* not showing a proper sense of
responsibility; not reliable
193. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed
ideas held by someone
194. an irr_____ble change *adj.* impossible to change or return to a
previous condition
195. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has
accomplished, primarily through their
effort and ability
196. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is
suitable or convenient for a particular
purpose
197. reg_____te bone tissue *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution,
system, etc., especially by making it
more active or successful

ANSWERS: 186. contribute, 187. unique, 188. defeat, 189. contribute, 190.
commitment, 191. deliberate, 192. irresponsible, 193. mindset, 194. irreversible, 195.
achievement, 196. opportune, 197. regenerate

198. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
199. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
200. g__t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
201. a hasty te____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
202. emotionally ind_____nt *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
203. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
204. ut__r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
205. a sense of gl__m *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

ANSWERS: 198. climate, 199. emergency, 200. grit, 201. temper, 202. indifferent, 203. determinant, 204. utter, 205. gloom

206. in___e criticism	<i>v.</i>	to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
207. neg_____on process	<i>n.</i>	the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
208. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases	<i>n.</i>	the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
209. fleshly de___e	<i>n.</i>	a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
210. a cold cl_____e	<i>n.</i>	the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
211. ef_____nt operation	<i>adj.</i>	performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
212. the longstanding co_____ct	<i>n.</i>	a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
213. di_____e prevention	<i>n.</i>	a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
214. ec_____y class	<i>n.</i>	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: 206. invite, 207. negotiation, 208. emission, 209. desire, 210. climate, 211. efficient, 212. conflict, 213. disease, 214. economy

215. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
216. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
217. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
218. op_____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

ANSWERS: 215. faith, 216. descendant, 217. vision, 218. optimist

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His story was filled with obvious _____.
n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

2. The _____ of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.
n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

3. 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

4. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

5. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true

6. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

7. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 1. exaggerations, 2. temper, 3. determinant, 4. mindset, 5. possibility, 6. military, 7. desire

8. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
9. She spoke with _____ about the importance of education.
n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
10. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.
adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
11. The development of agricultural technology has had an _____ impact on humanity.
adj. impossible to change or return to a previous condition
12. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.
v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
13. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
14. He kept his robust _____ in his company.
n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
15. A _____ investment in renewable energy is essential for a sustainable future.
adj. having a long-range or shrewd foresight, often used to describe a person who can plan or anticipate events and outcomes over a long period of time; able to see distant objects clearly, but not focusing well on close objects

ANSWERS: 8. condemned, 9. conviction, 10. stable, 11. irreversible, 12. outlaw, 13. increasingly, 14. faith, 15. far-sighted

16. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
17. The _____ chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.
adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
18. His _____ to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.
n. the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
19. The country has _____ oil and natural gas resources.
adj. present in great quantity
20. We cannot _____ her as President.
v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
21. The _____ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.
adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
22. Her _____ in negotiations prevented a successful outcome for both parties.
n. the trait of being unyielding, obstinate, or inflexible; a refusal to change one's opinions or behavior despite pressure or persuasion
23. The hurricane left many coastal areas _____ for a long time.
adj. not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation

ANSWERS: 16. exciting, 17. utter, 18. determination, 19. abundant, 20. envision, 21. revolutionary, 22. stubbornness, 23. uninhabitable

24. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
25. Massive demonstrations lead to total _____ of transportation.
- n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
26. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.
- adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
27. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
- n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
28. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
- adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
29. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
- v.* to be all around something or somebody
30. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.
- n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
31. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 24. launch, 25. paralysis, 26. fierce, 27. emissions, 28. blind, 29. surround, 30. steward, 31. nation

32. 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
33. She successfully completed her first _____ with a personal best time.
- n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
34. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
35. This _____ has never been formally accepted.
- n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
36. The rain helped _____ the flames of the campfire.
- v.* to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement
37. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
38. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.
- n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
39. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.
- n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

ANSWERS: 32. economy, 33. marathon, 34. contribute, 35. achievement, 36. dampen, 37. Climate, 38. humankind, 39. breakthroughs

40. The _____ between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.
n. the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
41. My initial reaction was to _____.
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
42. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
43. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.
adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
44. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.
n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
45. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
46. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
47. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 40. confrontation, 41. refuse, 42. assumes, 43. efficient, 44. descendants, 45. disease, 46. ignored, 47. transportation

48. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
- n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
49. She had the _____ that work was fun.
- n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
50. Faces are a good _____ of age.
- n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
51. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
52. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.
- adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
53. The country holds dominant _____ power over its neighbors.
- adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
54. A _____ back pain interfered with his concentration.
- adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
55. 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

ANSWERS: 48. ecosystem, 49. attitude, 50. indication, 51. opportune, 52. naive, 53. geopolitical, 54. recurring, 55. elected

56. The _____ victory in the war ended years of conflict.

adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

57. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

58. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

59. She has a lot of _____ and determination to succeed.

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

60. We have to seek methods to _____ its fossil fuel economy.

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

61. The president declared a state of _____.

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

62. She departed hurriedly because of some significant _____ in their affairs.

n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

63. Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was _____ about invasion.

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

ANSWERS: 56. decisive, 57. courageous, 58. collaboration, 59. grit, 60. decarbonize, 61. emergency, 62. urgency, 63. deliberate

64. 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
65. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
66. It was _____ of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.
adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
67. The _____ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.
n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
68. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
69. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
70. She is _____ to our team.
adj. so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary
71. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
72. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 64. progression, 65. participated, 66. irresponsible, 67. negotiation, 68. Soil, 69. historic, 70. indispensable, 71. vision, 72. survive

73. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
74. Despite the good news, she remained _____ to the situation.
adj. having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
75. 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
76. The band decided to _____ the group after several members left.
v. to break up or cause to disperse, especially formally
77. Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience _____ growth.
adj. becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
78. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
79. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
80. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.
adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

ANSWERS: 73. optimist, 74. indifferent, 75. responsible, 76. disband, 77. exponential, 78. radical, 79. invite, 80. gradual

81. She _____ over the tree root.

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

82. His business _____ took him to the United States.

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

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

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

84. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

85. The new CEO's primary mission is to _____ the company on the verge of bankruptcy.

v. to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful

86. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

87. The ____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

88. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

ANSWERS: 81. stumbled, 82. commitments, 83. transformations, 84. nightmare, 85. regenerate, 86. optimism, 87. cult, 88. accelerate

89. People in the area were forced to _____ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
- v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
90. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
- v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
91. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
92. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
- v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
93. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.
- n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
94. The government decided to _____ funding towards education and healthcare.
- v.* to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction
95. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.
- adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
96. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
- adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 89. hail, 90. defeat, 91. government, 92. plunged, 93. greenhouse, 94. redirect, 95. daunting, 96. unique,

97. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
98. The _____ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.
n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
99. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
100. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
101. What are the _____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
102. He _____ the matter until it was almost too late.
v. to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring
103. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
104. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.
v. to talk informally

ANSWERS: 97. barrier, 98. gloom, 99. famine, 100. stubborn, 101. odds, 102. procrastinated, 103. transformed, 104. converse

105. _____ 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

106. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

107. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

108. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

109. His friend's death drove him to _____.

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 105. Democracy, 106. relentless, 107. basis, 108. conflicts, 109. despair