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Session 1: Word List

crucifix

n. a representation of a cross with a figure of Jesus Christ crucified on it, used as an emblem of Christianity or as an aid to devotion; a cross bearing a representation of Christ

synonym : cross, rood, cruciform

(1) **crucifix** pendant, (2) silver **crucifix**

The **crucifix** on the wall served as a reminder of their faith.

forearm

n. the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation

(1) **forearm** bone, (2) several veins of the **forearm**

The accident left him with numbness in his left **forearm**.

inquest

n. a legal inquiry or investigation into the cause and circumstances of a death, particularly one that may have been caused by criminal activity

synonym : investigation, inquiry, examination

(1) coroner **inquest**, (2) hold an **inquest**

The police have launched an **inquest** into the cause of the fatal accident.

bruising

n. discoloration of the skin caused by an injury or trauma to the underlying blood vessels; figuratively, the emotional

or psychological damage caused by someone's actions or words; (adjective) of or relating to something that causes physical or emotional harm, damage, or injury

synonym: contusion, injury, wound

(1) severe **bruising**, (2) emotional **bruising**

The athlete's **bruising** injury prevented them from playing in the championship game.

torso

n. the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen

synonym: trunk, body, frame

(1) **torso** injury, (2) a **torso** in bronze

He was hit in the **torso** and was rushed to the hospital.

endemic

adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

synonym: prevalent, widespread, native

(1) **endemic** disease, (2) cholera- **endemic** area

Malaria is **endemic** in many tropical countries.

eugenic

adj. relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring

synonym: improving, genetic engineering, selective breeding

(1) **eugenic** screening, (2) **eugenic** movement

That government had once implemented a series of **eugenic** policies to improve the population's genetic makeup.

aboriginal

adj. relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

synonym: native, indigenous, autochthonous

(1) **aboriginal** art, (2) **aboriginal** land

Many **aboriginal** cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.

confiscate

v. to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules

synonym : seize, take, expropriate

(1) **confiscate** drugs, (2) **confiscate** property

The security officer had to **confiscate** the weapon from the suspect.

hanker

v. to crave, desire, or long for something, typically something that is hard to obtain or attain; to have a strong and persistent desire for something

synonym : yearn, long, crave

(1) **hanker** at the chance, (2) **hanker** for adventure

I **hanker** for a warm cup of tea on a cold, rainy day.

apartheid

n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

synonym : segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

inferiority

n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

synonym : lower status, low self-esteem, inadequacy

(1) **inferiority** complex, (2) **inferiority** mindset

The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of **inferiority** about their work.

colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym : settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym: class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

infect

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

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

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

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

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

qualm

n. an uneasy feeling of doubt, uncertainty, or apprehension, often about the morality or propriety of action; a sudden fit or attack of pain or nausea

synonym: unease, apprehension, doubt

(1) **qualms** of conscience, (2) moral **qualms**

The politician didn't seem to have any **qualms** about lying to his constituents.

bristle

n. a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

synonym: spike, prickle, hair

(1) **bristle** brush, (2) **bristle** with anger

The dog's **bristle** on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
synonym : unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

fragility

n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
synonym : delicacy, weakness, frailty

(1) **fragility** of life, (2) emotional **fragility**

The **fragility** of the glass required careful handling during shipping.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
synonym : excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

coronavirus

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

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

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

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held
synonym : law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave

testimony crucial to the case.

foreman

n. a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court

synonym: supervisor, manager, overseer

(1) **foreman** position, (2) **foreman** duties

The **foreman** on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym: charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym: mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

springtime

n. the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather

synonym: spring, heyday, budtime

(1) **springtime** blooms, (2) **springtime** breeze
I love going for walks in the park during **springtime**.

disempower

v. to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective

synonym: disenfranchise, weaken, undermine

(1) **disempower** the employees, (2) **disempower** the opposition

The politician's efforts to **disempower** marginalized communities were met with widespread criticism.

mayhem

n. a state of chaos, disorder, and violence, typically caused by a riot, violent confrontation, or rapid and widespread destruction; a situation of extreme confusion, disorder, and damage

synonym: chaos, disorder, havoc

(1) snowstorm **mayhem**, (2) create **mayhem**

The rioters caused **mayhem** in the streets, breaking windows and starting fires.

bicker

v. to engage in a petty or argumentative disagreement, often characterized by back-and-forth exchanges and trivial accusations or criticisms

synonym: quarrel, dispute, argue

(1) **bicker** over small things, (2) **bicker** with each other

My siblings always **bicker** over who gets the front seat in the car.

contentious

adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

synonym: antagonistic, combative, confrontational

(1) **contentious** subject, (2) **contentious** debate

There are many **contentious** issues in claiming a patent.

horrendous

adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying

synonym: dreadful, terrible, horrifying

(1) **horrendous** traffic, (2) a **horrendous** crime
The **horrendous** storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.

complacency

n. a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems

synonym: self-satisfaction, smugness, satisfaction

(1) dangerous **complacency**, (2) avoid **complacency**
The team's **complacency** led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym: invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force
The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

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.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide
The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**
The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

crescendo

n. a gradual increase in volume or intensity, often about a musical piece or performance; figuratively, a gradual buildup or intensification of a feeling, emotion, or action

synonym : escalation, apex, zenith

(1) **crescendo** of applause, (2) a rising **crescendo** of voices

The band's music reached a **crescendo** during the concert's final song.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a to__o in bronze *n.* the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen
2. a hor_____us crime *adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
3. military ca__e *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
4. dis_____er the employees *v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
5. emotional br_____ng *n.* discoloration of the skin caused by an injury or trauma to the underlying blood vessels; figuratively, the emotional or psychological damage caused by someone's actions or words; (adjective) of or relating to something that causes physical or emotional harm, damage, or injury
6. create ma____m *n.* a state of chaos, disorder, and violence, typically caused by a riot, violent confrontation, or rapid and widespread destruction; a situation of extreme confusion, disorder, and damage
7. bi____r with each other *v.* to engage in a petty or argumentative disagreement, often characterized by back-and-forth exchanges and trivial accusations or criticisms

ANSWERS: 1. torso, 2. horrendous, 3. caste, 4. disempower, 5. bruising, 6. mayhem, 7. bicker

8. cor_____us antibody test kit *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
9. cor_____us bankruptcy *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
10. spr_____me blooms *n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather
11. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
12. hold an in_____t *n.* a legal inquiry or investigation into the cause and circumstances of a death, particularly one that may have been caused by criminal activity
13. fo_____m bone *n.* the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation
14. cr_____do of applause *n.* a gradual increase in volume or intensity, often about a musical piece or performance; figuratively, a gradual buildup or intensification of a feeling, emotion, or action

ANSWERS: 8. coronavirus, 9. coronavirus, 10. springtime, 11. opportune, 12. inquest, 13. forearm, 14. crescendo

15. spr_____me breeze *n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather
16. eu_____c movement *adj.* relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring
17. dis_____er the opposition *v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
18. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
19. br_____e brush *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
20. en_____c disease *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
21. con_____te drugs *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
22. ap_____id policies *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

ANSWERS: 15. springtime, 16. eugenic, 17. disempower, 18. flourish, 19. bristle, 20. endemic, 21. confiscate, 22. apartheid

23. co____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
24. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
25. emotional fr_____ty *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
26. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
27. eu_____c screening *adj.* relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring
28. ha___r at the chance *v.* to crave, desire, or long for something, typically something that is hard to obtain or attain; to have a strong and persistent desire for something
29. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
30. un___n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
31. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

ANSWERS: 23. colonize, 24. aisle, 25. fragility, 26. infect, 27. eugenic, 28. hanker, 29. sub-Saharan, 30. unseen, 31. aisle

32. ap___y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
33. un____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
34. avoid com_____cy *n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
35. moral qu___ms *n.* an uneasy feeling of doubt, uncertainty, or apprehension, often about the morality or propriety of action; a sudden fit or attack of pain or nausea
36. political ap___y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
37. inf_____ty mindset *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
38. inf_____ty complex *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
39. fo_____n position *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
40. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
41. br_____e with anger *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

ANSWERS: 32. apathy, 33. unequal, 34. complacency, 35. qualm, 36. apathy, 37. inferiority, 38. inferiority, 39. foreman, 40. grieve, 41. bristle

42. a rising cr_____do of voices *n.* a gradual increase in volume or intensity, often about a musical piece or performance; figuratively, a gradual buildup or intensification of a feeling, emotion, or action
43. cr_____ix pendant *n.* a representation of a cross with a figure of Jesus Christ crucified on it, used as an emblem of Christianity or as an aid to devotion; a cross bearing a representation of Christ
44. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
45. dangerous com_____cy *n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
46. ap_____id system *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
47. in____t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
48. co_____om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
49. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
50. con_____us debate *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

ANSWERS: 42. crescendo, 43. crucifix, 44. sub-Saharan, 45. complacency, 46. apartheid, 47. infect, 48. courtroom, 49. unequal, 50. contentious

51. con_____us subject *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
52. ha____r for adventure *v.* to crave, desire, or long for something, typically something that is hard to obtain or attain; to have a strong and persistent desire for something
53. co_____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
54. ca__e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
55. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
56. several veins of the fo_____m *n.* the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation
57. dis_____ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
58. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
59. abo_____al art *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

ANSWERS: 51. contentious, 52. hanker, 53. colonize, 54. caste, 55. prosecute, 56. forearm, 57. disproportionately, 58. flourish, 59. aboriginal

60. co_____om trial *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
61. silver cr_____ix *n.* a representation of a cross with a figure of Jesus Christ crucified on it, used as an emblem of Christianity or as an aid to devotion; a cross bearing a representation of Christ
62. severe br_____ng *n.* discoloration of the skin caused by an injury or trauma to the underlying blood vessels; figuratively, the emotional or psychological damage caused by someone's actions or words; (adjective) of or relating to something that causes physical or emotional harm, damage, or injury
63. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
64. fo_____n duties *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
65. snowstorm ma_____m *n.* a state of chaos, disorder, and violence, typically caused by a riot, violent confrontation, or rapid and widespread destruction; a situation of extreme confusion, disorder, and damage
66. con_____te property *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules

ANSWERS: 60. courtroom, 61. crucifix, 62. bruising, 63. prosecute, 64. foreman, 65. mayhem, 66. confiscate

67. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
68. an un___n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
69. qu___ms of conscience *n.* an uneasy feeling of doubt, uncertainty, or apprehension, often about the morality or propriety of action; a sudden fit or attack of pain or nausea
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71. dis_____ely affected *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
72. fr_____ty of life *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
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74. bi___r over small things *v.* to engage in a petty or argumentative disagreement, often characterized by back-and-forth exchanges and trivial accusations or criticisms
75. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
76. abo_____al land *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

ANSWERS: 67. opportune, 68. unseen, 69. qualm, 70. horrendous, 71. disproportionately, 72. fragility, 73. inquest, 74. bicker, 75. grieve, 76. aboriginal

77. to__o injury

n. the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen

78. cholera-en____c area

adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

ANSWERS: 77. torso, 78. endemic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The athlete's _____ injury prevented them from playing in the championship game.
 - n.* discoloration of the skin caused by an injury or trauma to the underlying blood vessels; figuratively, the emotional or psychological damage caused by someone's actions or words; (adjective) of or relating to something that causes physical or emotional harm, damage, or injury

2. Considering the situation of _____ organized stopped this year's beer festival.
 - n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

3. I love going for walks in the park during _____.
 - n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather

4. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
 - v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

5. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.
 - n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

6. The politician's efforts to _____ marginalized communities were met with widespread criticism.
 - v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective

ANSWERS: 1. bruising, 2. coronavirus, 3. springtime, 4. infect, 5. apathy, 6. disempower

7. I _____ for a warm cup of tea on a cold, rainy day.
- v.* to crave, desire, or long for something, typically something that is hard to obtain or attain; to have a strong and persistent desire for something
8. Many _____ cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.
- adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
9. The accident left him with numbness in his left _____.
- n.* the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation
10. The police have launched an _____ into the cause of the fatal accident.
- n.* a legal inquiry or investigation into the cause and circumstances of a death, particularly one that may have been caused by criminal activity
11. The attorney decided to _____ the suspect for stealing from the store.
- v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
12. The rich can often _____ benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.
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13. The band's music reached a _____ during the concert's final song.
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ANSWERS: 7. hanker, 8. aboriginal, 9. forearm, 10. inquest, 11. prosecute, 12. disproportionately, 13. crescendo

14. The consequences of the pandemic remain _____ as scientists continue to research the virus.

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

15. Malaria is _____ in many tropical countries.

adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

16. The _____ on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.

n. a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court

17. The team's _____ led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.

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18. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.

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19. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

20. She _____ the loss of her parents.

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

21. The _____ on the wall served as a reminder of their faith.

n. a representation of a cross with a figure of Jesus Christ crucified on it, used as an emblem of Christianity or as an aid to devotion; a cross bearing a representation of Christ

ANSWERS: 14. unseen, 15. endemic, 16. foreman, 17. complacency, 18. unequal, 19. aisle, 20. grieved, 21. crucifix

22. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

23. The rioters caused _____ in the streets, breaking windows and starting fires.

n. a state of chaos, disorder, and violence, typically caused by a riot, violent confrontation, or rapid and widespread destruction; a situation of extreme confusion, disorder, and damage

24. The eyewitness took the stand in the _____ and gave testimony crucial to the case.

n. a room in which a court of law is held

25. The security officer had to _____ the weapon from the suspect.

v. to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules

26. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

27. That government had once implemented a series of _____ policies to improve the population's genetic makeup.

adj. relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring

28. There are many _____ issues in claiming a patent.

adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

ANSWERS: 22. opportune, 23. mayhem, 24. courtroom, 25. confiscate, 26. caste, 27. eugenic, 28. contentious

29. The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of _____ about their work.
- n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
30. The _____ of the glass required careful handling during shipping.
- n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
31. He was hit in the _____ and was rushed to the hospital.
- n.* the human trunk from the neck to the abdomen
32. The South African government enforced _____ laws that segregated people based on race.
- n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
33. The dog's _____ on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.
- n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
34. The politician didn't seem to have any _____ about lying to his constituents.
- n.* an uneasy feeling of doubt, uncertainty, or apprehension, often about the morality or propriety of action; a sudden fit or attack of pain or nausea
35. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 29. inferiority, 30. fragility, 31. torso, 32. apartheid, 33. bristle, 34. qualms, 35. flourished

36. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

37. My siblings always _____ over who gets the front seat in the car.

v. to engage in a petty or argumentative disagreement, often characterized by back-and-forth exchanges and trivial accusations or criticisms

38. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

39. The _____ storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.

adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying

ANSWERS: 36. sub-Saharan, 37. bicker, 38. colonized, 39. horrendous