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Session 1: Word List

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

Martian

adj. of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

(1) **Martian** geography, (2) **Martian** surface

There is very little water in the **Martian** atmosphere.

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.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

colonist

n. a person who lives in or is sent to establish a colony (= a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful entity) a new country or area

synonym: settler, pioneer, inhabitant

(1) space **colonist**, (2) American **colonist**

The first **colonists** arrived in the New World in the early 17th century.

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym: damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

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.

prefer

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

synonym: choose, like, favor

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

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

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

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

straightforward

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

synonym: honest, candid, forthright

(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward** dash

The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

ballot

n. a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election

synonym: vote, poll, election

(1) the final **ballot**, (2) **ballot** booth

The **ballot** for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.

plurality

n. the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system

synonym: majority, plurality, abundance

(1) political **plurality**, (2) cultural **plurality**

The team's **plurality** of skills allowed them to tackle a wide range of tasks.

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym: immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

runoff

n. the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome

synonym: drainage, overspill, overflow

(1) agricultural **runoff**, (2) primary **runoff** election

Industrial **runoff** and wind-blown debris are prime examples of pollution.

preference

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

synonym: taste, choice, affection

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

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

voter

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

synonym: elector, citizen

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

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

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym : position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym : wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

allocate

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

synonym : apportion, assign, distribute

(1) **allocate** resource, (2) **allocate** budgets

The company **allocated** a portion of its profits to developing new products.

proceeding

n. an event or series of events that happen as part of a larger process or action; an official record of legal or administrative action or meeting

synonym : procedure, steps, action

(1) **proceeding** in bankruptcy, (2) **proceeding** in bankruptcy

The legal **proceeding** took several months to conclude.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

skew

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

synonym : slant, tilt, distort

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

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

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

tactical

adj. relating to or constituting actions, plans, or strategies designed to achieve a particular purpose, especially an aggressive or political purpose; characterized by calculated planning, organization, and effectiveness

synonym : strategic, calculated, planned

(1) **tactical** decision, (2) **tactical** move

The army used **tactical** maneuvers to gain an advantage in battle.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym : encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

head-to-head

adj. of or relating to a direct or confrontational competition or comparison between two people, teams, or entities

synonym : face-to-face, one-on-one, tete-a-tete

(1) **head-to-head** challenge, (2) **head-to-head** battle

The **head-to-head** competition between the two teams was intense and exciting.

match-up

n. a pairing or comparison of two things or people, especially to determine their compatibility or suitability for each other

synonym : contest, competition, game

(1) dream **match-up**, (2) head-to-head **match-up**

The **match-up** between the two chess masters was intense and strategic.

victor

n. one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.

synonym : winner, conqueror, champion

(1) **victor** country, (2) the outright **victor**

The **victor** of the race was the favorite to win.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

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**.

candid

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

synonym: honest, frank, straightforward

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

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

statistician

n. a person who studies or is an expert in statistics

synonym: actuary

(1) professional **statisticians**, (2) environmental **statistician**

The firm employs several **statisticians** to develop a recommendation engine.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym: complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

unfair

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

synonym: wrongful, biased, dishonest

(1) **unfair** employment practices, (2) have an **unfair** advantage

In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making **unfair** decisions.

intuitive

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

synonym: involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment

I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym : idea, notion, vision

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

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

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite;
to be in conflict with

synonym : conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

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**.

encourage

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

synonym : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

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

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

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

violate

v. to break or disrupt a rule, law, or agreement; to intrude on someone's privacy or rights

synonym: breach, infringe, desecrate

(1) **violate** the law, (2) **violate** rights

He **violated** the terms of his probation.

theoretical

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

synonym: conceptual, conjectural, ideal

(1) **theoretical** models, (2) **theoretical** physicist

Absolute zero is the lowest **theoretical** temperature.

desirable

adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

synonym: appealing, attractive, advisable

(1) **desirable** effect, (2) **desirable** result

The beachfront property had a **desirable** location with stunning ocean views.

criteria

n. (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided

synonym: bars, benchmarks, standards

(1) **criteria** for action, (2) consistency **criteria**

He didn't meet all the **criteria**, but he was hired anyway.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. make a str_____ard dash *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
2. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
3. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
4. the_____al physicist *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
5. 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
6. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
7. in my ca___d opinion *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
8. his meal pre_____ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
9. Ma_____n geography *adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants
10. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

ANSWERS: 1. straightforward, 2. mathematics, 3. accord, 4. theoretical, 5. assume, 6. individual, 7. candid, 8. preference, 9. Martian, 10. preference

11. al_____te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
12. de_____le effect *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
13. agricultural ru____f *n.* the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
14. ta_____al decision *adj.* relating to or constituting actions, plans, or strategies designed to achieve a particular purpose, especially an aggressive or political purpose; characterized by calculated planning, organization, and effectiveness
15. con_____ct the principle *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
16. in_____ve eating *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
17. cultural pl_____ty *n.* the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system
18. have an un____r advantage *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
19. space co_____st *n.* a person who lives in or is sent to establish a colony (= a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful entity) a new country or area

ANSWERS: 11. allocate, 12. desirable, 13. runoff, 14. tactical, 15. contradict, 16. intuitive, 17. plurality, 18. unfair, 19. colonist

20. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
21. vi_____e the law *v.* to break or disrupt a rule, law, or agreement; to intrude on someone's privacy or rights
22. consistency cr_____ia *n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
23. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
24. con_____ct each other *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
25. pr____r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
26. se____e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
27. hea_____ead battle *adj.* of or relating to a direct or confrontational competition or comparison between two people, teams, or entities
28. pr____r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
29. drea ma_____up *n.* a pairing or comparison of two things or people, especially to determine their compatibility or suitability for each other
30. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

ANSWERS: 20. advantage, 21. violate, 22. criteria, 23. advance, 24. contradict, 25. prefer, 26. settle, 27. head-to-head, 28. prefer, 29. match-up, 30. proof

31. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
32. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
33. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
34. professional sta_____ians *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
35. hea_____ead challenge *adj.* of or relating to a direct or confrontational competition or comparison between two people, teams, or entities
36. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
37. ba___t booth *n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
38. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
39. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
40. un___r employment practices *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

ANSWERS: 31. encourage, 32. voter, 33. advantage, 34. statistician, 35. head-to-head, 36. settle, 37. ballot, 38. cast, 39. advance, 40. unfair

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| 41. the outright vi___r | <i>n.</i> one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc. |
| 42. documentary pr___f | <i>n.</i> a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists |
| 43. inc_____ze carpooling | <i>v.</i> to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward |
| 44. ca___d conversation | <i>adj.</i> honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions |
| 45. primary ru___f election | <i>n.</i> the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome |
| 46. co_____t a background check | <i>v.</i> to organize and carry out a particular activity |
| 47. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 48. vi_____e rights | <i>v.</i> to break or disrupt a rule, law, or agreement; to intrude on someone's privacy or rights |
| 49. learn new co_____ts | <i>n.</i> an idea or principle associated with something abstract |
| 50. environmental sta_____ian | <i>n.</i> a person who studies or is an expert in statistics |
| 51. lo___e a tumor | <i>v.</i> to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something |
| 52. head-to-head ma_____up | <i>n.</i> a pairing or comparison of two things or people, especially to determine their compatibility or suitability for each other |

ANSWERS: 41. victor, 42. proof, 43. incentivize, 44. candid, 45. runoff, 46. conduct, 47. assume, 48. violate, 49. concept, 50. statistician, 51. locate, 52. match-up

53. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
54. in_____ve judgment *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
55. the final ba____t *n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
56. al_____te budgets *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
57. 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
58. the _____al models *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
59. re_____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
60. s__w social values *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
61. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
62. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
63. in_____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together

ANSWERS: 53. separate, 54. intuitive, 55. ballot, 56. allocate, 57. democracy, 58. theoretical, 59. resident, 60. skew, 61. separate, 62. rank, 63. intricate

64. vi___r country *n.* one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.
65. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
66. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
67. in_____te details *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
68. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
69. pro_____ng in bankruptcy *n.* an event or series of events that happen as part of a larger process or action; an official record of legal or administrative action or meeting
70. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
71. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
72. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
73. American co_____st *n.* a person who lives in or is sent to establish a colony (= a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful entity) a new country or area
74. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 64. victor, 65. cast, 66. conduct, 67. intricate, 68. ignore, 69. proceeding, 70. eliminate, 71. eliminate, 72. necessarily, 73. colonist, 74. determinant

75. Ma_____n surface *adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants
76. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
77. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
78. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
79. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
80. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
81. lo____e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
82. get in_____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
83. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
84. m_r the reputation *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
85. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
86. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
87. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 75. Martian, 76. mathematics, 77. incentivize, 78. normally, 79. influence, 80. normally, 81. locate, 82. instant, 83. rank, 84. mar, 85. concept, 86. influence, 87. determinant

88. 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
89. a re_____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
90. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
91. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
92. ig____e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
93. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
94. de_____le result *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
95. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
96. political pl_____ty *n.* the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system
97. ta_____al move *adj.* relating to or constituting actions, plans, or strategies designed to achieve a particular purpose, especially an aggressive or political purpose; characterized by calculated planning, organization, and effectiveness

ANSWERS: 88. democracy, 89. resident, 90. mar, 91. accord, 92. ignore, 93. elect, 94. desirable, 95. elect, 96. plurality, 97. tactical

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104. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
105. an in_____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay

ANSWERS: 98. skew, 99. individual, 100. straightforward, 101. necessarily, 102. voter, 103. criteria, 104. encourage, 105. instant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

2. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

3. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

4. The first _____ arrived in the New World in the early 17th century.
n. a person who lives in or is sent to establish a colony (= a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful entity) a new country or area

5. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.
adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

6. The army used _____ maneuvers to gain an advantage in battle.
adj. relating to or constituting actions, plans, or strategies designed to achieve a particular purpose, especially an aggressive or political purpose; characterized by calculated planning, organization, and effectiveness

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n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
9. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
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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
11. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.
adj. happening immediately, with no delay
12. Industrial _____ and wind-blown debris are prime examples of pollution.
n. the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
13. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.
n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
14. He _____ the terms of his probation.
v. to break or disrupt a rule, law, or agreement; to intrude on someone's privacy or rights
15. The book contains numerous statements that _____ previous reports.
v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

ANSWERS: 8. voter, 9. advantages, 10. assumes, 11. instant, 12. runoff, 13. resident, 14. violated, 15. contradict

16. The beachfront property had a _____ location with stunning ocean views.
adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
17. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
18. The _____ between the two chess masters was intense and strategic.
n. a pairing or comparison of two things or people, especially to determine their compatibility or suitability for each other
19. The _____ competition between the two teams was intense and exciting.
adj. of or relating to a direct or confrontational competition or comparison between two people, teams, or entities
20. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
21. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
22. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.
n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
23. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.
v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
24. The team's _____ of skills allowed them to tackle a wide range of tasks.
n. the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system

ANSWERS: 16. desirable, 17. locate, 18. match-up, 19. head-to-head, 20. concept, 21. ignored, 22. preference, 23. marred, 24. plurality

25. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
26. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
v. to organize and carry out a particular activity
27. He didn't meet all the _____ but he was hired anyway.
n. (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
28. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
29. _____ 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
30. The _____ for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.
n. a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
31. The results of the poll are _____ because it only surveyed a small group of people.
v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
32. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 25. prefer, 26. conduct, 27. criteria, 28. encouraged, 29. Democracy, 30. ballot, 31. skewed, 32. advance

33. Absolute zero is the lowest _____ temperature.

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

34. He has a flair for _____.

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

35. The legal _____ took several months to conclude.

n. an event or series of events that happen as part of a larger process or action; an official record of legal or administrative action or meeting

36. 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

37. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

38. 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

39. In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making _____ decisions.

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

ANSWERS: 33. theoretical, 34. mathematics, 35. proceeding, 36. determinant, 37. allocated, 38. elected, 39. unfair

40. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

41. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

42. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

43. The _____ of the race was the favorite to win.

n. one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.

44. The organization finally signed a peace _____.

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have

45. The firm employs several _____ to develop a recommendation engine.

n. a person who studies or is an expert in statistics

46. _____ is better than argument.

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

47. I had an _____ feeling that I might be pregnant.

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

48. There is very little water in the _____ atmosphere.

adj. of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

ANSWERS: 40. normally, 41. necessarily, 42. cast, 43. victor, 44. accord, 45. statisticians, 46. Proof, 47. intuitive, 48. Martian

49. The politician managed to deal with that _____ issue.

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

50. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

51. The _____ photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

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

52. Governments _____ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

53. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 49. intricate, 50. individual, 51. candid, 52. incentivize, 53. influence