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Session 1: Word List

drawing

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

synonym: sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

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.

asphalt

n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

synonym: tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym : white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym : down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

unforgiving

adj. not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored

synonym : relentless, uncompromising, merciless

(1) **unforgiving** blow, (2) **unforgiving** terrain

The **unforgiving** sun scorched the desert, making it uninhabitable.

tropical

adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics

synonym : equatorial, tropic

(1) **tropical** cyclones, (2) **tropical** islands

Tropical storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym :

approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

composition

n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

synonym: creating, formatting, arrangement

(1) age **composition** of the population, (2) the piano passages in the **composition**

Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of **composition**.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

tar

n. a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood

synonym: asphalt, pitch, bitumen

(1) **tar** residue, (2) **tar** component

The road workers spread **tar** over the cracks in the pavement to prevent water and ice from causing further damage.

luncheon

n. a formal midday meal or banquet, typically one held in honor of a person or occasion

synonym: lunch, midday meal, dejeuner

(1) **luncheon** meeting, (2) **luncheon** appointment

I'm attending a business **luncheon** tomorrow to meet with potential clients.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym: illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

formula

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

synonym: expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

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.

impasto

n. a painting technique in which paint is applied thickly and heavily so that brushstrokes are visible and the resulting surface has texture and depth

synonym: thick paint, paste, mixture

(1) **impasto** painting, (2) bold **impasto** strokes

The painter used a thick **impasto** technique to create a textured canvas.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

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.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

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

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

amend

v. to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it

synonym : improve, correct, alter

(1) **amend** a law, (2) **amend** his writing

The president agreed to **amend** the ill-defined regulations.

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym : useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym : strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym : community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

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.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something

synonym : highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

absence

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

synonym : dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym : figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**
Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

saint

n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

synonym: holy person, martyr, angel

(1) **saint** statue, (2) the departed **saint**

The faithful follower venerated the **saint's** relic.

madonna

n. a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art

synonym: virgin, mother

(1) wooden **Madonna**, (2) **madonna** painting

The **Madonnas** and Child painting is a famous piece of art from the Renaissance period.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the

superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

exploration

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

synonym: inquiry, quest, investigation

(1) future of space **exploration**, (2) an Arctic **exploration**

He called for a careful **exploration** of the consequences.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym: culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

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.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym : confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

gesture

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

synonym : motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**

She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

benevolence

n. the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing

synonym : altruism, generosity, philanthropy

(1) display **benevolence**, (2) render **benevolence** to people

They have both virtue and **benevolence**.

rev *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

liberty *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym: freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

benevolent *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

synonym: kindly, compassionate, philanthropic

(1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual

The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

extend *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

tumult *n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting

synonym: commotion, disturbance, upheaval

(1) **tumult** of voices, (2) in the midst of the **tumult**

The political turmoil caused great **tumult** in the country.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

contradiction

n. the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial

synonym: inconsistency, opposition, contravention

(1) **contradiction** of capitalism, (2) apparent **contradiction**

His statement was filled with **contradictions** that made it difficult to take seriously.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

remembrance

n. the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento

synonym: memory, recollection, commemoration

(1) **remembrance** day, (2) eternal **remembrance**

The annual **remembrance** ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.

repetition

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

synonym: duplication, iteration, recurrence

(1) **repetition** of the word, (2) habitual **repetition**

Repetition is the mother of all learning.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym: revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

undercover

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

synonym: covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist

The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym: display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

citizenship

n. the status of being a member of a particular country

synonym: nationality, belonging, residency

(1) dual **citizenship**, (2) **citizenship** rights

Her **citizenship** application was denied due to a technical error.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

complaint

n. a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something

synonym: grievance, objection, accusation

(1) **complaint** department, (2) **complaint** about price-gouging

She filed a **complaint** with the manager about the poor service.

saturated

adj. (of chemistry) describing a compound or substance that contains the maximum amount of a particular atom or group of atoms and has no further capacity to bond; (of nutrition) describing a food that is high in saturated fats, which are linked to an increased risk of heart disease

synonym: soaked, drenched, soaked through

(1) **saturated** fat, (2) **saturated** colors

The company decided not to enter the smartphone market because it was already **saturated** with numerous established players.

surreal

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

synonym: dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking

experience

synonym : agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals;
for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination
of funds

Communal elections were held in several European
countries.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym : uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed
improvement.

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.

incubator

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for
hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or
animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and
equipment, offered at a low cost to new small
businesses

synonym : hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure
proper hatching conditions.

haven

n. a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo

synonym : harbor, refuge, sanctuary

(1) **haven** for terrorists, (2) cheap-labor **haven**

That country is a tax **haven** where many wealthy people have paper corporations.

predominantly

adv. mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group

synonym : mostly, chiefly, largely

(1) **predominantly** rural, (2) **predominantly** Christian

The neighborhood is **predominantly** made up of young families with children.

jazz

n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

synonym : swing, blues, bebop

(1) **jazz** club, (2) a school **jazz** band

He listened to **jazz** music to relax after a long day at work.

disinvestment

n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector

synonym : divestment, withdrawal, pullout

(1) **disinvestment** strategy, (2) **disinvestment** plan

The company's decision to engage in **disinvestment** led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company
A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

assistant

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

synonym : aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor
An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym : art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture
His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**
He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position
To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success"

rigorously.

intertwine

v. to twist together or become twisted together

synonym: interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

myriad

adj. a very large number

synonym: numerous, countless, infinite

(1) **myriad** differences, (2) a **myriad** of choices

The artist featured **myriad** colors and patterns, creating a vibrant and dynamic piece.

manifest

v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

synonym: exhibit, make plain, demonstrate

(1) **manifest** as the word, (2) **manifest** displeasure

The Prime Minister **manifested** his regret for his neighbors

Session 2: Spelling

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12. hand ge_____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
13. in the midst of the tu____t *n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting
14. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
15. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
16. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
17. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
18. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
19. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
20. tr_____al cyclones *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
21. business in_____or program *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

ANSWERS: 11. benevolent, 12. gesture, 13. tumult, 14. criminal, 15. opportune, 16. aesthetic, 17. exhibit, 18. separate, 19. craft, 20. tropical, 21. incubator

22. wooden Ma____a *n.* a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art
23. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
24. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
25. con_____ion of capitalism *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
26. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
27. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
28. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
29. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
30. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
31. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
32. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

ANSWERS: 22. madonna, 23. reinforce, 24. exhibit, 25. contradiction, 26. incarcerate, 27. rev, 28. disappear, 29. context, 30. define, 31. obvious, 32. attempt

33. su____l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
34. render ben_____ce to people *n.* the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing
35. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
36. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
37. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
38. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
39. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
40. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
41. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
42. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 33. surreal, 34. benevolence, 35. initially, 36. icon, 37. rev, 38. creative, 39. Christ, 40. blind, 41. complicated, 42. define

43. su____l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
44. und_____er journalist *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
45. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
46. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
47. a leave of ab_____e *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
48. rem_____ce day *n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
49. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
50. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
51. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
52. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
53. a po_____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

ANSWERS: 43. surreal, 44. undercover, 45. accuse, 46. church, 47. absence, 48. remembrance, 49. highlight, 50. violent, 51. chalk, 52. complexity, 53. portrait

54. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
55. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
56. dr_____g for design *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
57. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
58. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
59. sa_____ed colors *adj.* (of chemistry) describing a compound or substance that contains the maximum amount of a particular atom or group of atoms and has no further capacity to bond; (of nutrition) describing a food that is high in saturated fats, which are linked to an increased risk of heart disease
60. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
61. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
62. mass inc_____ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

ANSWERS: 54. degree, 55. devastating, 56. drawing, 57. conversation, 58. relation, 59. saturated, 60. struggle, 61. encouraging, 62. incarceration

63. po____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
64. im____o painting *n.* a painting technique in which paint is applied thickly and heavily so that brushstrokes are visible and the resulting surface has texture and depth
65. structural fo____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
66. the characters that re____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
67. ex____d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
68. treat this dev____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
69. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
70. as____t pavement *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
71. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
72. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
73. inc____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

ANSWERS: 63. portrait, 64. impasto, 65. formula, 66. represent, 67. extend, 68. devastating, 69. obvious, 70. asphalt, 71. strategy, 72. struggle, 73. incarceration

74. lu_____on meeting *n.* a formal midday meal or banquet, typically one held in honor of a person or occasion
75. int_____ne story *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
76. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
77. technical dr_____g *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
78. ma_____st as the word *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
79. apparent con_____ion *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
80. rep_____on of the word *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
81. pre_____tly rural *adv.* mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group
82. dis_____ent strategy *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
83. li_____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
84. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 74. luncheon, 75. intertwine, 76. represent, 77. drawing, 78. manifest, 79. contradiction, 80. repetition, 81. predominantly, 82. disinvestment, 83. liberty, 84. strategy

85. make a fu___e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
86. sa__t statue *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
87. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
88. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
89. re_____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
90. fu___e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
91. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
92. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
93. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
94. em_____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
95. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 85. futile, 86. saint, 87. disturb, 88. beneath, 89. reconnect, 90. futile, 91. degree, 92. reinforce, 93. myth, 94. emphasize, 95. structure

96. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
97. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
98. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
99. wanted cr____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
100. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
101. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
102. am__d his writing *v.* to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it
103. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
104. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
105. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
106. an unwilling as_____nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

ANSWERS: 96. folk, 97. asset, 98. disappear, 99. criminal, 100. historic, 101. compel, 102. amend, 103. chalk, 104. sneak, 105. craft, 106. assistant

107. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
108. ex____d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
109. am__d a law *v.* to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it
110. t_r component *n.* a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood
111. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
112. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
113. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
114. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
115. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

ANSWERS: 107. innocent, 108. extend, 109. amend, 110. tar, 111. emphasize, 112. sneak, 113. attract, 114. asset, 115. icon

116. my___d differences *adj.* a very large number
117. un___n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
118. lu____on appointment *n.* a formal midday meal or banquet, typically one held in honor of a person or occasion
119. as____t driveway *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
120. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
121. unf_____ng terrain *adj.* not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored
122. the ground be____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
123. as____nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
124. a school j__z band *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
125. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
126. freedom of re____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 116. myriad, 117. unseen, 118. luncheon, 119. asphalt, 120. encouraging, 121. unforgiving, 122. beneath, 123. assistant, 124. jazz, 125. technique, 126. religion

127. habitual rep_____on *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
128. the departed sa__t *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
129. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
130. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
131. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
132. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
133. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
134. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
135. future of space exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
136. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 127. repetition, 128. saint, 129. attempt, 130. aesthetic, 131. myth, 132. compel, 133. edit, 134. opportune, 135. exploration, 136. Christ

137. feel a bit gu___y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
138. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
139. ben_____nt gesture *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
140. cheap-labor ha__n *n.* a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo
141. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
142. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
143. psychic tr___a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
144. bold im_____o strokes *n.* a painting technique in which paint is applied thickly and heavily so that brushstrokes are visible and the resulting surface has texture and depth
145. te_____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
146. ma_____st displeasure *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
147. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 137. guilty, 138. judge, 139. benevolent, 140. haven, 141. initially, 142. complexity, 143. trauma, 144. impasto, 145. testament, 146. manifest, 147. fundamental

148. age com_____on of the population
n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
149. thousands of in_____nt people
adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
150. cr_____ve writing
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
151. inc_____te the murderer
v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
152. a photo st____o
n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
153. fr_____nt absence
adj. happening constantly
154. dual cit_____ip
n. the status of being a member of a particular country
155. j__z club
n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
156. pre_____tly Christian
adv. mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group
157. fun_____al education
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 148. composition, 149. innocent, 150. creative, 151. incarcerate, 152. studio, 153. frequent, 154. citizenship, 155. jazz, 156. predominantly, 157. fundamental

158. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
159. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
160. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
161. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
162. ha__n for terrorists *n.* a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo
163. unf_____ng blow *adj.* not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored
164. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
165. tu___t of voices *n.* a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting
166. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
167. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
168. co_____nt about price-gouging *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something

ANSWERS: 158. context, 159. testament, 160. relation, 161. conversation, 162. haven, 163. unforgiving, 164. communal, 165. tumult, 166. reconnect, 167. conflict, 168. complaint

169. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
170. tr____a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
171. cit____ip rights *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
172. infant in____or *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
173. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
174. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
175. ge____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
176. sy____l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
177. display ben____ce *n.* the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing
178. st____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 169. communal, 170. trauma, 171. citizenship, 172. incubator, 173. judge, 174. violent, 175. gesture, 176. symbol, 177. benevolence, 178. structure

179. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
180. a my___d of choices *adj.* a very large number
181. an un___n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
182. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
183. ma_____a painting *n.* a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art
184. the piano passages in the com_____on *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
185. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
186. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
187. int_____ne thread *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
188. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
189. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
190. sa_____ed fat *adj.* (of chemistry) describing a compound or substance that contains the maximum amount of a particular atom or group of atoms and has no further capacity to bond; (of nutrition) describing a food that is high in saturated fats, which are linked to an increased risk of heart disease

ANSWERS: 179. accuse, 180. myriad, 181. unseen, 182. folk, 183. madonna, 184.

composition, 185. frequent, 186. church, 187. intertwine, 188. edit, 189. complicated,
190. saturated

191. personal li____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
192. an Arctic exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
193. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
194. und_____er operation *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
195. co_____nt department *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
196. tr_____al islands *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
197. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
198. dis_____ent plan *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
199. t_r residue *n.* a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood
200. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
201. music st____o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

ANSWERS: 191. liberty, 192. exploration, 193. conflict, 194. undercover, 195. complaint, 196. tropical, 197. separate, 198. disinvestment, 199. tar, 200. essential, 201. studio

202. fu____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
203. gu___y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
204. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
205. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
206. immune fu____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 202. function, 203. guilty, 204. essential, 205. historic, 206. function

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
 - n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

2. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
 - adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

3. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
 - n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

4. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.
 - n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

5. My husband was found _____ of any crime.
 - adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

6. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
 - adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

7. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
 - adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 1. myth, 2. fundamental, 3. church, 4. absence, 5. innocent, 6. violent, 7. historic

8. The vines _____ to form a thick canopy overhead.
v. to twist together or become twisted together
9. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.
v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
10. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
11. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.
adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
12. Her _____ application was denied due to a technical error.
n. the status of being a member of a particular country
13. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something
14. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
15. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

ANSWERS: 8. intertwine, 9. exhibit, 10. function, 11. aesthetic, 12. citizenship, 13. beneath, 14. asset, 15. degree

16. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
17. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
18. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.
n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
19. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.
n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
20. _____ storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.
adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
21. The _____ and Child painting is a famous piece of art from the Renaissance period.
n. a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art
22. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.
adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
23. His wealth is a _____ to his success.
n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
24. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

ANSWERS: 16. folk, 17. technique, 18. portrait, 19. icons, 20. Tropical, 21. Madonnas, 22. guilty, 23. testament, 24. craft

25. His heartaches are less _____ now.

adj. happening constantly

26. _____ is the mother of all learning.

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

27. The eggs were placed in an artificial _____ to ensure proper hatching conditions.

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

28. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

29. The company decided not to enter the smartphone market because it was already _____ with numerous established players.

adj. (of chemistry) describing a compound or substance that contains the maximum amount of a particular atom or group of atoms and has no further capacity to bond; (of nutrition) describing a food that is high in saturated fats, which are linked to an increased risk of heart disease

30. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

31. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

32. Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of _____.

n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

ANSWERS: 25. frequent, 26. Repetition, 27. incubator, 28. reconnected, 29. saturated, 30. encouraging, 31. initially, 32. composition

33. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
34. The Prime Minister _____ his regret for his neighbors
v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
35. The faithful follower venerated the _____ relic.
n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
36. An executive _____ director administers each branch.
n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
37. The political turmoil caused great _____ in the country.
n. a state of great confusion, commotion, or disturbance; a loud, confused noise, as of people shouting
38. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
39. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
40. He called for a careful _____ of the consequences.
n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

ANSWERS: 33. disturb, 34. manifested, 35. saint's, 36. assistant, 37. tumult, 38. creative, 39. complicated, 40. exploration

41. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.
n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
42. The neighborhood is _____ made up of young families with children.
adv. mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group
43. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.
adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage
44. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
45. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.
n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
46. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
47. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
48. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
n. the state of being confined in prison or jail
49. That country is a tax _____ where many wealthy people have paper corporations.
n. a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo

ANSWERS: 41. gesture, 42. predominantly, 43. devastating, 44. struggle, 45. trauma, 46. accused, 47. define, 48. incarceration, 49. haven

50. The _____ police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

51. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

52. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

53. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

54. He was _____ for the duration of the war.

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

55. The _____ sun scorched the desert, making it uninhabitable.

adj. not willing to forgive or show mercy; not able to be repaired or restored

56. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

57. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 50. undercover, 51. Christmas, 52. structure, 53. essential, 54. incarcerated, 55. unforgiving, 56. studio, 57. symbol

58. The annual _____ ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.
- n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
59. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.
- v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
60. The _____ donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.
- adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
61. The consequences of the pandemic remain _____ as scientists continue to research the virus.
- adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
62. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
63. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
- n.* a person who has committed a crime
64. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
65. The painter used a thick _____ technique to create a textured canvas.
- n.* a painting technique in which paint is applied thickly and heavily so that brushstrokes are visible and the resulting surface has texture and depth

ANSWERS: 58. remembrance, 59. compel, 60. benevolent, 61. unseen, 62. represent, 63. criminal, 64. sneak, 65. impasto

66. The president agreed to _____ the ill-defined regulations.

- v.* to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it

67. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

68. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

69. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

70. The third _____ was far more successful.

- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

71. It was _____ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

- adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

72. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

- v.* to cease to exist or be visible

73. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

ANSWERS: 66. amend, 67. conversation, 68. complexity, 69. rev, 70. attempt, 71. futile, 72. disappear, 73. blind

74. His statement was filled with _____ that made it difficult to take seriously.
- n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
75. The artist featured _____ colors and patterns, creating a vibrant and dynamic piece.
- adj.* a very large number
76. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
77. The kids used colored _____ to create a mural on the pavement.
- n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
78. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.
- n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
79. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.
- v.* to give or show particular importance to something
80. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.
- v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
81. We should _____ the troops at the front line.
- v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

ANSWERS: 74. contradictions, 75. myriad, 76. highlighted, 77. chalk, 78. formula, 79. emphasize, 80. extend, 81. reinforce

82. 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
83. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
84. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
85. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
86. She is talented at _____ and has won several awards for her artwork.
n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
87. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
88. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.
v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
89. He listened to _____ music to relax after a long day at work.
n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

ANSWERS: 82. conflicts, 83. context, 84. Communal, 85. religion, 86. drawing, 87. strategy, 88. edit, 89. jazz

90. The road workers spread ____ over the cracks in the pavement to prevent water and ice from causing further damage.
- n.* a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood
91. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
92. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
- v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
93. She filed a _____ with the manager about the poor service.
- n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
94. They have both virtue and _____.
- n.* the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing
95. The road crew was laying fresh _____ on the highway.
- n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
96. The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a _____ feel.
- adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
97. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 90. tar, 91. obvious, 92. attract, 93. complaint, 94. benevolence, 95. asphalt, 96. surreal, 97. separate

98. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.
n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
99. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
100. The company's decision to engage in _____ led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.
n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
101. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
102. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
103. I'm attending a business _____ tomorrow to meet with potential clients.
n. a formal midday meal or banquet, typically one held in honor of a person or occasion

ANSWERS: 98. liberty, 99. opportune, 100. disinvestment, 101. relations, 102. judge, 103. luncheon