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Session 1: Word List

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

civic

adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

synonym: community, civic, communal

(1) **civic** activity, (2) **civic** center

The city promotes **civic** collaboration in community development

polar

adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

synonym: opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

Polar animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

rancorous

adj. characterized by bitterness or resentment, especially long-standing or deep-seated; marked by a desire for revenge or retaliation; caustic or sarcastic in speech or tone

synonym: grudging, bitter, resentful

(1) **rancorous** conflict, (2) **rancorous** relationship

The **rancorous** debate between the two politicians became increasingly heated.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

poison

n. a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

synonym: toxin, venom, pollutant

(1) **poison** ivy, (2) **poison** bilateral relations

The plant's leaves contain a deadly **poison** that can cause hallucinations and seizures.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

attitude

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

synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

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

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

merit

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

synonym: worth, excellence, quality

(1) **merit-based**, (2) the order of **merit**

She was promoted based on her **merits** as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

attractive

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

synonym: beautiful, fetching, alluring

(1) **attractive** men, (2) **attractive** opportunity

The growth of the "sharing economy" is **attractive** for tech companies.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

meritocratic

adj. based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements

synonym: merit-based, fair, unbiased

(1) **meritocratic** society, (2) **meritocratic** evaluation

The company prides itself on being **meritocratic** in its hiring and promotion practices.

affluent

adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

synonym: wealthy, rich, prosperous

(1) **affluent** society, (2) live in **affluent** circumstances

She lived in an **affluent** neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

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.

ivy

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

proclaim

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

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

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

flaw

n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

synonym: defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor **flaw**, (2) the **flaw** in the legislation

Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

corrosive

adj. having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive

synonym: destructive, erosive, caustic

(1) **corrosive** substance, (2) **corrosive** effect

The **corrosive** acid ate away at the metal pipes.

hubris

n. excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin

synonym: arrogance, conceit, pride

(1) political **hubris**, (2) **hubris** in business

The athlete's **hubris** resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.

humiliation

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

synonym: mortification, degradation, embarrassment

(1) an intolerable **humiliation**, (2) a taste of **humiliation**

His public **humiliation** resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

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.

inhale

v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
synonym: breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma

He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym: wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

credential

v. to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

synonym: certify, verify, (noun) certificate

(1) **credential** themselves by showing their registration,

(2) teaching **credential**

To get the job, I need to **credential** my experience and education.

backlash

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

synonym: reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community

The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym : lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

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.

stagnant

adj. not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water

synonym : still, stagnant, unmoving

(1) **stagnant** car sales, (2) **stagnant** economy

The **stagnant** water in the pond is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

wage

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

synonym : payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

proponent

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
synonym : advocate, devotee, follower

(1) enthusiastic **proponent**, (2) **proponent** of world peace
Einstein was a **proponent** of the theory of relativity.

bracing

adj. refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability

synonym : invigorating, refreshing, stimulating

(1) **bracing** air, (2) **bracing** walk

The athlete performed some **bracing** exercises to warm up before the game.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym : contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect;
(verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym : affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

implicit

adj. suggested but not directly expressed

synonym : implied, unstated, hinted

(1) **implicit** bias, (2) give **implicit** consent

The **implicit** meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym: suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym: grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

arbiter

n. a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision

synonym : judge, referee, mediator

(1) professional **arbiter**, (2) cultural **arbiter**

The **arbiter** of the dispute will be an impartial judge.

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.

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.

folly

n. a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit

synonym : absurdity, foolishness, irrationality

(1) economic **folly**, (2) act of **folly**

It was **folly** for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.

diploma

n. a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university

synonym : credential, certificate, degree

(1) university **diploma**, (2) **diploma** thesis

He completed his high school **diploma** via correspondence courses.

dignify

v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

synonym : elevate, ennoble, honor

(1) **dignify** the role, (2) **dignify** the occasion

It's important to **dignify** other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

decent

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

synonym : respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education

He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

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.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

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.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym : donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

renew

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption
synonym: renovate, restore, revitalize

(1) **renew** a contract, (2) **renew** its corporate image

I have to **renew** my passport by the middle of September.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
synonym: donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym: acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

fellowship

n. an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession

synonym: association, society, group

(1) research **fellowship**, (2) postdoctoral **fellowship**

The **fellowship** of scientists worked together to conduct research and make important discoveries.

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.

patriotism

n. love and loyalty to one's country

synonym: nationalism, loyalty, devotion

(1) the spirit of **patriotism**, (2) fanatic **patriotism**

His actions were a testament to his deep love and **patriotism** for his country.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

venture

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

synonym: enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

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.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

sanitation

n. the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner

synonym : cleanliness, hygiene, sterilization

(1) **sanitation** standards, (2) poor **sanitation**

Sanitation workers play a critical role in keeping our cities clean and healthy.

assassin

n. a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

synonym: killer, manslayer

(1) fall victim to an **assassin**, (2) would-be **assassin**

She hired an **assassin** to kill her opponent.

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

synonym: waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**

The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

physician

n. a medical doctor who practices medicine

synonym: doctor, practitioner, medic

(1) the advice of the **physician**, (2) consult with a **physician**

She visited the local **physician** to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

disease

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

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

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

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

rampant

adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

synonym : prevalent, dense, uncontrolled

(1) **rampant** growth of weeds, (2) **rampant** corruption

In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be **rampant**.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

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**.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym : sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**

The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

maintenance

n. the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses

synonym : care, perpetuation, support

(1) the **maintenance** of the car, (2) **maintenance** work

We have decided to extend our **maintenance** contract until next year.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

synonym : foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

clerk

n. a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers

synonym : worker, record-keeper, letter-writer

(1) **clerk** job, (2) **clerk** position

The **clerk** at the store helped me find what I needed.

warehouse

n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

synonym : storage, repository, depot

(1) a rental **warehouse**, (2) **warehouse** debt

The fire ruined all the food stored in the **warehouse**.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym : healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

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.

childcare

n. a service involving care for other people's children

synonym: babysitting

(1) **childcare** allowance, (2) allow **childcare** leave

Our company offers a full range of **childcare** facilities as part of our benefits package.

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym: supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family

People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;
(verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic

in politics.

alignment

n. an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other

synonym: conjunction, arrangement, coalition

(1) **alignment** in an organization, (2) be in **alignment**

In the last century, Britain formed a strong **alignment** with Egypt.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value
We would **appreciate** an early reply.

prompt

v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

synonym : actuate, inspire, incite

(1) **prompt** a feeling of hunger, (2) **prompt** a debate
That incident **prompted** a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym : humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**
We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**
The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym : charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym : enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym : integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

harsh

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

synonym : brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals

The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym : moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. wa_____se debt | <i>n.</i> a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops |
| 2. at_____de toward mistakes | <i>n.</i> the way you think and feel about someone or something |
| 3. as_____e an important role | <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 |
| 4. vi_____e of frugality | <i>n.</i> high moral standards in behavior or attitudes |
| 5. a taste of hum_____on | <i>n.</i> the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish |
| 6. de_____e centigrade | <i>n.</i> a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment |
| 7. po__r bears | <i>adj.</i> relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites |
| 8. hu____s in business | <i>n.</i> excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin |
| 9. ch_____re allowance | <i>n.</i> a service involving care for other people's children |
| 10. allow ch_____re leave | <i>n.</i> a service involving care for other people's children |

ANSWERS: 1. warehouse, 2. attitude, 3. assume, 4. virtue, 5. humiliation, 6. degree, 7. polar, 8. hubris, 9. childcare, 10. childcare

11. poison i_y *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
12. lack of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
13. unsolved my____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
14. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. co_____ve effect *adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive
16. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
17. the gr_____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
18. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
19. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

ANSWERS: 11. ivy, 12. humility, 13. mystery, 14. opportune, 15. corrosive, 16. spiritual, 17. grocery, 18. inequality, 19. legitimate

20. im____it bias *adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
21. nontechnical as____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
22. professional et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
23. pr____t a debate *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
24. less fo____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
25. act of fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
26. mer____tic society *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
27. cl__k position *n.* a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers
28. ine____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 20. implicit, 21. aspect, 22. ethic, 23. prompt, 24. fortunate, 25. folly, 26. meritocratic, 27. clerk, 28. inequality

29. nu__e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
30. di____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
31. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
32. a de___t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
33. the spirit of pat____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
34. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
35. enthusiastic pr____nt *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
36. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
37. di____y the role *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

ANSWERS: 29. nurse, 30. disease, 31. strike, 32. decent, 33. patriotism, 34. assume, 35. proponent, 36. debate, 37. dignify

38. at____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
39. de____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
40. par____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
41. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
42. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
43. give im____it consent *adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
44. ha__h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
45. economic fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
46. att____ve men *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
47. po____n ivy *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

ANSWERS: 38. attitude, 39. deserve, 40. participate, 41. moral, 42. afford, 43. implicit, 44. harsh, 45. folly, 46. attractive, 47. poison

48. a joint ve_____e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
49. live in af_____nt circumstances *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
50. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
51. ga_____e collection *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
52. poor san_____on *n.* the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner
53. a volunteer nu__e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
54. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
55. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
56. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
57. al_____nt in an organization *n.* an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other

ANSWERS: 48. venture, 49. affluent, 50. mystery, 51. garbage, 52. sanitation, 53. nurse, 54. employ, 55. employ, 56. communal, 57. alignment

58. cl__k job *n.* a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers
59. di____y the occasion *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
60. san_____on standards *n.* the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner
61. flu pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
62. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
63. br____g walk *adj.* refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability
64. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 58. clerk, 59. dignify, 60. sanitation, 61. pandemic, 62. debate, 63. bracing, 64. spirit

65. in___t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
66. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
67. earn el___e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
68. po___n bilateral relations *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
69. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
70. po__r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
71. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
72. i_y plant *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
73. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

ANSWERS: 65. insult, 66. flourish, 67. elite, 68. poison, 69. contribution, 70. polar, 71. compete, 72. ivy, 73. fortune

74. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
75. professional ar_____r *n.* a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision
76. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
77. me__t-based *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
78. cultural ar_____r *n.* a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision
79. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
80. st_____nt economy *adj.* not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
81. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
82. develop an attitude of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
83. co_____nt about price-gouging *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something

ANSWERS: 74. encouraging, 75. arbiter, 76. insist, 77. merit, 78. arbiter, 79. overlook, 80. stagnant, 81. consume, 82. humility, 83. complaint

84. an unwilling as_____nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
85. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
86. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
87. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
88. use of ha__h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
89. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
90. 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
91. sp__t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 84. assistant, 85. fortune, 86. honor, 87. economy, 88. harsh, 89. grace, 90. rev, 91. spirit

92. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
93. retain everyone's di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
94. teaching cre_____al *v.* to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts
95. ra_____t corruption *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
96. 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
97. would-be as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
98. st_____nt car sales *adj.* not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
99. 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
100. co_____ve substance *adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive

ANSWERS: 92. afford, 93. dignity, 94. credential, 95. rampant, 96. encourage, 97. assassin, 98. stagnant, 99. encourage, 100. corrosive

101. di_____e prevention	<i>n.</i>	a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
102. rec_____on award	<i>n.</i>	the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
103. re_____k the role of the manager	<i>v.</i>	to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
104. in_____e the aroma	<i>v.</i>	to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
105. an_____e your real motives	<i>v.</i>	to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
106. pr_____le in business	<i>n.</i>	a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
107. enc_____ng approval	<i>adj.</i>	giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
108. co_____e a large of alcohol	<i>v.</i>	to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
109. a minor f__w	<i>n.</i>	a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
110. yearn for the de____t living	<i>adj.</i>	satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
111. university di_____a	<i>n.</i>	a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university

ANSWERS: 101. disease, 102. recognition, 103. rethink, 104. inhale, 105. analyze, 106. principle, 107. encouraging, 108. consume, 109. flaw, 110. decent, 111. diploma

112. the order of me__t *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
113. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
114. ty____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
115. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
116. the advice of the ph____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
117. ra____t growth of weeds *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
118. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
119. the f__w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
120. pr____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
121. injury in a car ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 112. merit, 113. largely, 114. tyranny, 115. talent, 116. physician, 117. rampant, 118. grace, 119. flaw, 120. principle, 121. accident

122. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
123. co____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
124. an intolerable hum____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
125. in____e the smoke *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
126. a baseball le____e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
127. r____y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
128. cre____al themselves by showing their registration *v.* to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts
129. app____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
130. the imp____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
131. acquire a vi____e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

ANSWERS: 122. pandemic, 123. compete, 124. humiliation, 125. inhale, 126. league, 127. rely, 128. credential, 129. appreciate, 130. implication, 131. virtue

132. the pr_____er of the family *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
133. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
134. joint rec_____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
135. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
136. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
137. respect for human di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
138. a rental wa_____se *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
139. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
140. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
141. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

ANSWERS: 132. provider, 133. contribute, 134. recognition, 135. blame, 136. divide, 137. dignity, 138. warehouse, 139. honor, 140. participate, 141. wage

142. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
143. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
144. the ba_____sh from the community *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
145. br_____g air *adj.* refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability
146. an easy de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
147. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
148. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
149. an intentional in___t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
150. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
151. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 142. importance, 143. labor, 144. backlash, 145. bracing, 146. delivery, 147. blame, 148. aspect, 149. insult, 150. spiritual, 151. contribution

152. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
153. moral et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
154. 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
155. fall victim to an as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
156. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
157. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
158. increase in the minimum w___e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
159. postdoctoral fel_____ip *n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
160. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

ANSWERS: 152. analyze, 153. ethic, 154. degree, 155. assassin, 156. labor, 157. accident, 158. wage, 159. fellowship, 160. proclaim

161. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
162. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
163. be in al_____nt *n.* an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other
164. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
165. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
166. ra_____us conflict *adj.* characterized by bitterness or resentment, especially long-standing or deep-seated; marked by a desire for revenge or retaliation; caustic or sarcastic in speech or tone
167. mer_____tic evaluation *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
168. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
169. in__t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
170. 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

ANSWERS: 161. essential, 162. elite, 163. alignment, 164. moral, 165. overlook, 166. rancorous, 167. meritocratic, 168. rethink, 169. insist, 170. rev

171. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
172. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
173. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
174. ra_____us relationship *adj.* characterized by bitterness or resentment, especially long-standing or deep-seated; marked by a desire for revenge or retaliation; caustic or sarcastic in speech or tone
175. mai_____ce work *n.* the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses
176. raw ta____t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
177. 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
178. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 171. communal, 172. importance, 173. combine, 174. rancorous, 175. maintenance, 176. talent, 177. advantage, 178. economy

179. ve____e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
180. special de____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
181. political hu____s *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
182. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
183. political ba____sh *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
184. pr____t a feeling of hunger *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
185. ci__c activity *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
186. an information pr_____er *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
187. ci__c center *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
188. le____e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
189. research fel_____ip *n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession

ANSWERS: 179. venture, 180. delivery, 181. hubris, 182. opportune, 183. backlash, 184. prompt, 185. civic, 186. provider, 187. civic, 188. league, 189. fellowship

190. brutal ty____y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
191. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
192. att_____ve opportunity *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
193. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
194. 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
195. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
196. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
197. run a gr_____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
198. as_____nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
199. the imp_____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

ANSWERS: 190. tyranny, 191. sentimental, 192. attractive, 193. combine, 194. advantage, 195. flourish, 196. garbage, 197. grocery, 198. assistant, 199. implication

200. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
201. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
202. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
203. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
204. the mai_____ce of the car *n.* the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses
205. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
206. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
207. consult with a ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
208. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
209. af_____nt society *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
210. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
211. re__w a contract *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption

ANSWERS: 200. essential, 201. rely, 202. fortunate, 203. divide, 204. maintenance, 205. largely, 206. contribute, 207. physician, 208. strike, 209. affluent, 210. deserve, 211. renew

212. fanatic pat_____sm	<i>n.</i> love and loyalty to one's country
213. di_____a thesis	<i>n.</i> a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university
214. re__w its corporate image	<i>v.</i> to begin or resume something again after an interruption
215. in a sen_____al mood	<i>adj.</i> connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
216. co_____nt department	<i>n.</i> a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
217. app_____te the value	<i>v.</i> to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
218. pr_____im law	<i>v.</i> to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
219. pr_____nt of world peace	<i>n.</i> a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
220. leg_____te question	<i>adj.</i> accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

ANSWERS: 212. patriotism, 213. diploma, 214. renew, 215. sentimental, 216. complaint, 217. appreciate, 218. proclaim, 219. proponent, 220. legitimate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ at the store helped me find what I needed.
n. a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers
2. The _____ water in the pond is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
adj. not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
3. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
4. The company faced a _____ from customers after the recall.
n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
5. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.
v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
6. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
7. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 1. clerk, 2. stagnant, 3. disease, 4. backlash, 5. blamed, 6. spirit, 7. rely

8. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
9. He _____ deeply, trying to calm down.
- v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
10. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.
- n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
11. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
12. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
13. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
14. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.
- n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
15. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.
- n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

ANSWERS: 8. economy, 9. inhaled, 10. talents, 11. strike, 12. insisted, 13. participated, 14. grocery, 15. insult

16. The fire ruined all the food stored in the _____.
- n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
17. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
18. She hired an _____ to kill her opponent.
- n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
19. People select Internet _____ not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.
- n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
20. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.
- n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
21. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.
- n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
22. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
23. The _____ meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.
- adj.* suggested but not directly expressed

ANSWERS: 16. warehouse, 17. divide, 18. assassin, 19. providers, 20. dignity, 21. league, 22. debate, 23. implicit

24. The growth of the "sharing economy" is _____ for tech companies.
adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
25. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
adj. having good luck or lucky
26. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
27. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
28. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
29. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.
n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
30. The _____ debate between the two politicians became increasingly heated.
adj. characterized by bitterness or resentment, especially long-standing or deep-seated; marked by a desire for revenge or retaliation; caustic or sarcastic in speech or tone
31. We have decided to extend our _____ contract until next year.
n. the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses

ANSWERS: 24. attractive, 25. fortunate, 26. essential, 27. pandemic, 28. mystery, 29. wages, 30. rancorous, 31. maintenance

32. It was _____ for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.
- n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
33. The _____ acid ate away at the metal pipes.
- adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive
34. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.
- n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
35. The athlete performed some _____ exercises to warm up before the game.
- adj.* refreshing or invigorating; designed to provide support or stability
36. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.
- adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
37. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
38. I claim on my _____ that it is true.
- n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
39. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

ANSWERS: 32. folly, 33. corrosive, 34. grace, 35. bracing, 36. harsh, 37. principle, 38. honor, 39. employ

40. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.
n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
41. The _____ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.
n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring
42. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
43. _____ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.
adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
44. His poem has a very significant _____.
n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
45. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
46. The company prides itself on being _____ in its hiring and promotion practices.
adj. based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
47. Having a strong work _____ is important for success in any field.
n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

ANSWERS: 40. garbage, 41. venture, 42. labor, 43. Polar, 44. implication, 45. accident, 46. meritocratic, 47. ethic

48. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

49. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

50. I have to _____ my passport by the middle of September.

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

51. Our company offers a full range of _____ facilities as part of our benefits package.

n. a service involving care for other people's children

52. 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

53. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

54. The _____ of the dispute will be an impartial judge.

n. a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision

55. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 48. elites, 49. humility, 50. renew, 51. childcare, 52. rev, 53. contribution, 54. arbiter, 55. inequality

56. She visited the local _____ to seek treatment for her persistent headache.
n. a medical doctor who practices medicine
57. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
58. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
59. The _____ of scientists worked together to conduct research and make important discoveries.
n. an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
60. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.
n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
61. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
62. She was promoted based on her _____ as a hardworking and dedicated employee.
n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
63. _____ workers play a critical role in keeping our cities clean and healthy.
n. the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner

ANSWERS: 56. physician, 57. flourished, 58. Communal, 59. fellowship, 60. nurse, 61. combine, 62. merits, 63. Sanitation

64. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

65. The city promotes _____ collaboration in community development

adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

66. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

67. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

68. She filed a _____ with the manager about the poor service.

n. a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something

69. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

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

70. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

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

71. Even the slightest design _____ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

ANSWERS: 64. afford, 65. civic, 66. spiritual, 67. opportune, 68. complaint, 69. assumes, 70. advantages, 71. flaw

72. The overgrown ____ cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

- n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

73. We would _____ an early reply.

- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

74. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

- adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

75. He earned a _____ salary at his job.

- adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

76. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

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

77. She had the _____ that work was fun.

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

78. She had many good _____ and few faults.

- n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

79. That incident _____ a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

- v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

ANSWERS: 72. ivy, 73. appreciate, 74. sentimental, 75. decent, 76. contribute, 77. attitude, 78. virtues, 79. prompted

80. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
81. His actions were a testament to his deep love and _____ for his country.
n. love and loyalty to one's country
82. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
83. It's important to _____ other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.
v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
84. 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
85. Einstein was a _____ of the theory of relativity.
n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
86. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
87. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
88. She lived in an _____ neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.
adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

ANSWERS: 80. aspects, 81. patriotism, 82. compete, 83. dignify, 84. degree, 85. proponent, 86. fortune, 87. rethink, 88. affluent

89. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.
adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
90. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
91. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.
n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
92. The plant's leaves contain a deadly _____ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.
n. a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
93. The athlete's _____ resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.
n. excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
94. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
95. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
96. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

ANSWERS: 89. legitimate, 90. moral, 91. recognition, 92. poison, 93. hubris, 94. deserved, 95. importance, 96. analyze

97. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

98. 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

99. In the last century, Britain formed a strong _____ with Egypt.

n. an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other

100. The country was ruled by a _____ that oppressed its citizens.

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

101. To get the job, I need to _____ my experience and education.

v. to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

102. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

103. His public _____ resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

104. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

ANSWERS: 97. consume, 98. encouraged, 99. alignment, 100. tyranny, 101. credential, 102. delivery, 103. humiliation, 104. largely

105. An executive _____ director administers each branch.

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

106. He completed his high school _____ via correspondence courses.

n. a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university

107. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

108. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

109. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

110. In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be _____.

adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 105. assistant, 106. diploma, 107. proclaimed, 108. overlook, 109. encouraging, 110. rampant