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Session 1: Word List

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

equitable

adj. fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly

synonym: fair, honest, impartial

(1) in an **equitable** manner, (2) an **equitable** price

In a democratic country, governments promote **equitable** opportunities to participate in society.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the

fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym: knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

(1) she hit him **intentionally**, (2) She **intentionally** spread misleading information.

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym: proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

prestigious

adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

synonym: esteemed, renowned, eminent

(1) **prestigious** award, (2) **prestigious** event

The academy is known for its **prestigious** faculty and rigorous curriculum.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

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.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym: prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (*verb*) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym: alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

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.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

donate

v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

synonym: bestow, contribute, grant

(1) **donate** to charity, (2) **donate** blood to the Red Cross

Our company **donates** to the school endowment fund every year.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym: go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

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.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

provincial

adj. of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook

synonym : rural, narrow-minded, unsophisticated

(1) **provincial** town, (2) **provincial** accent

His **provincial** upbringing left him with a limited view of the world beyond his hometown

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.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym : instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym : vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

veteran

n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

synonym : expert, pro, vet

(1) A 20-year **veteran** in the industry, (2) **veteran** teacher

The **veteran** soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

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.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

asthma

n. a chronic respiratory disease characterized by wheezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing

synonym: bronchial, bronchitis, respiratory ailment

(1) **asthma** attack, (2) **asthma** symptoms

He always had to carry an inhaler due to his severe **asthma**.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym : deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

calculator

n. a small electronic device for making arithmetic calculations

synonym : computer, machine, estimator

(1) **calculator** app, (2) analog **calculator**

I left my alpha **calculator** at home, so I had to borrow one from a classmate to finish my math homework.

preparation

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

synonym : practice, trial, rehearsal

(1) a **preparation** program, (2) the **preparation** of meals

He helped me with the **preparation** of this book.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym : educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion
An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

excellence

n. the quality of being extremely good
synonym: distinction, goodness, superiority

(1) **excellence** in product design, (2) highest standards of **excellence**

He has also won many marketing **excellence** awards.

exclude

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

synonym: expel, ban, bar

(1) **exclude** a newcomer, (2) **exclude** all other possibilities

The cost for the trip **excludes** food and beverages.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

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.

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.

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.

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.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

synonym : skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend

The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym : flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

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.

endowment

n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization

synonym : fund, gift, donation

(1) education **endowment** insurance, (2) **endowment** gift
The wealthy benefactor's **endowment** helped the university build a new library.

charitable

adj. giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity

synonym : generous, helping, giving

(1) **charitable** organizations, (2) **charitable** deeds
He is always **charitable** to the poor.

donation

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

synonym : contribution, gift, subsidy

(1) make a **donation**, (2) political **donation**
He made a generous **donation** to the charity.

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym : amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland
Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure
Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things
It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym: startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment

are genuine problems.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

skyrocket

v. to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;

synonym: rocket, soar, shoot up

(1) **skyrocket** the cost, (2) price **skyrocketed**

Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have **skyrocketed** dramatically.

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.

tuition

n. the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services

synonym: fee, schooling, education

(1) **tuition** assistance, (2) a college **tuition**

His father cannot afford his **tuition**.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym: fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

alumni

n. (the plural form of "alumnus" or "alumna") former students or graduates of an educational institution or program

synonym: graduates, former students, alum

(1) **alumni** network, (2) **alumni** relations

Many **alumni** of our college have become successful in their chosen fields.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym : affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

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.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym : mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

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.

proof

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

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

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

Proof is better than argument.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym : nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

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.

prestige

n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

synonym : honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

Session 2: Spelling

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40. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

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88. cha_____le organizations
adj. giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
89. 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

ANSWERS: 78. calculator, 79. poverty, 80. obvious, 81. prestige, 82. reject, 83. equity, 84. spot, 85. intentionally, 86. unfortunately, 87. graduate, 88. charitable, 89. judge

90. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
91. cha_____le deeds *adj.* giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
92. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
93. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
94. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
95. 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
96. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
97. education en_____nt insurance *n.* a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
98. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
99. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

ANSWERS: 90. intellect, 91. charitable, 92. frame, 93. transform, 94. incredibly, 95. degree, 96. vital, 97. endowment, 98. decision, 99. association

100. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
101. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
102. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
103. improve social mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
104. al___i relations *n.* (the plural form of "alumnus" or "alumna") former students or graduates of an educational institution or program
105. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
106. ex_____e a newcomer *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
107. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
108. pro_____al town *adj.* of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook
109. exc_____ce in product design *n.* the quality of being extremely good

ANSWERS: 100. wealth, 101. association, 102. communal, 103. mobility, 104. alumni, 105. decision, 106. exclude, 107. debt, 108. provincial, 109. excellence

110. as___a symptoms *n.* a chronic respiratory disease characterized by wheezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing
111. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
112. 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
113. university di_____a *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
114. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
115. the pre_____on of meals *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
116. do___e to charity *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
117. tu_____n assistance *n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
118. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 110. asthma, 111. educate, 112. contribute, 113. diploma, 114. perception, 115. preparation, 116. donate, 117. tuition, 118. communal

119. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
120. 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
121. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
122. pre_____us award *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
123. a college tu_____n *n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
124. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
125. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
126. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
127. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
128. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
129. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 119. brilliant, 120. judge, 121. negative, 122. prestigious, 123. tuition, 124. affordable, 125. define, 126. rural, 127. medical, 128. norm, 129. spot

130. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
131. she hit him int_____lly *adv.* in a planned or intended way
132. fo___r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
133. 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
134. 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
135. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
136. look up____d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
137. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
138. do___e blood to the Red Cross *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

ANSWERS: 130. mad, 131. intentionally, 132. foster, 133. economy, 134. advantage, 135. shocking, 136. upward, 137. negative, 138. donate

139. an eq_____le price *adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
140. cal_____or app *n.* a small electronic device for making arithmetic calculations
141. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
142. ve_____n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
143. oil bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
144. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
145. 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
146. 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
147. A 20-year ve_____n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
148. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
149. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 139. equitable, 140. calculator, 141. transform, 142. veteran, 143. billionaire, 144. deserve, 145. economy, 146. advantage, 147. veteran, 148. aspiration, 149. incarcerate

150. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
151. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
152. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
153. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
154. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
155. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
156. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
157. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
158. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
159. fo___r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
160. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 150. vital, 151. pride, 152. statistics, 153. grade, 154. define, 155. immediate, 156. government, 157. recreation, 158. proof, 159. foster, 160. amazing

161. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
162. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
163. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
164. pro_____al accent *adj.* of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook

ANSWERS: 161. absolutely, 162. frame, 163. philanthropy, 164. provincial

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company adjusted the revenue _____.
adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective)
extending or moving toward a higher place

2. I have limited _____ in my arms.
n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

3. He always had to carry an inhaler due to his severe _____.
n. a chronic respiratory disease characterized by wheezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing

4. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;

5. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

6. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

7. He became in _____ after losing his job.
n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

ANSWERS: 1. upward, 2. mobility, 3. asthma, 4. transformed, 5. fostering, 6. balance, 7. debt

8. 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
9. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
10. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.
n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
11. He helped me with the _____ of this book.
n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
12. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
13. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
14. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
15. Our company _____ to the school endowment fund every year.
v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
16. 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. advantages, 9. frame, 10. association, 11. preparation, 12. absolutely, 13. consequences, 14. poverty, 15. donates, 16. degree

17. The academy is known for its _____ faculty and rigorous curriculum.
adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
18. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.
n. the value of the shares issued by a company
19. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
20. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
21. 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
22. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.
v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
23. The wealthy benefactor's _____ helped the university build a new library.
n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
24. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 17. prestigious, 18. equity, 19. philanthropy, 20. opposition, 21. judge, 22. excludes, 23. endowment, 24. intellect

25. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.

adj. not expensive and able to pay

26. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

27. I left my alpha _____ at home, so I had to borrow one from a classmate to finish my math homework.

n. a small electronic device for making arithmetic calculations

28. She would never _____ hurt anyone.

adv. in a planned or intended way

29. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

30. The self-made _____ donated millions to charity.

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

31. He has an _____ to become a doctor.

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

32. His _____ upbringing left him with a limited view of the world beyond his hometown

adj. of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook

ANSWERS: 25. affordable, 26. spot, 27. calculator, 28. intentionally, 29. institutionalize, 30. billionaire, 31. aspiration, 32. provincial

33. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

34. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.

adj. of or relating to the countryside

35. 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

36. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

37. He cannot _____ a holiday.

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

38. 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

39. We must _____ to this matter.

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

40. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

41. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

ANSWERS: 33. graduate, 34. rural, 35. nurse, 36. immediate, 37. afford, 38. diploma, 39. attend, 40. negative, 41. educate

42. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

43. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

44. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

45. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

46. _____ is better than argument.

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

47. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

48. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

49. The _____ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

ANSWERS: 42. opportune, 43. perception, 44. statistics, 45. obsession, 46. Proof, 47. contrast, 48. pride, 49. veteran

50. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

51. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

52. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

53. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

54. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

55. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

56. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

57. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

58. 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

ANSWERS: 50. unfortunately, 51. incredibly, 52. rejected, 53. wealth, 54. medical, 55. shocking, 56. Communal, 57. obvious, 58. economy

59. His father cannot afford his _____.

- n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services

60. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.

- adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something

61. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

62. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

63. In a democratic country, governments promote _____ opportunities to participate in society.

- adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly

64. Many _____ of our college have become successful in their chosen fields.

- n.* (the plural form of "alumnus" or "alumna") former students or graduates of an educational institution or program

65. Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have _____ dramatically.

- v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;

66. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

67. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

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

ANSWERS: 59. tuition, 60. vital, 61. norms, 62. obsessed, 63. equitable, 64. alumni, 65. skyrocketed, 66. amazing, 67. define

68. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
69. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
70. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
71. He is always _____ to the poor.
adj. giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
72. He was ___ with joy to see the results.
adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
73. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.
n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
74. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.
adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
75. 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

ANSWERS: 68. contribute, 69. government, 70. deserved, 71. charitable, 72. mad, 73. recreation, 74. academic, 75. incarcerated

76. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

77. He has also won many marketing _____ awards.

n. the quality of being extremely good

78. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

79. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

80. The university has great _____ in the academic community.

n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

81. He made a generous _____ to the charity.

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

82. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 76. decision, 77. excellence, 78. Advocates, 79. grade, 80. prestige, 81. donation, 82. brilliant