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Session 1: Word List

venue

n. a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed

synonym : location, site, arena

(1) **venue** capacity, (2) wedding **venue**

The concert **venue** was packed with excited fans.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym : beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

melody

n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

synonym : tune, song, piece

(1) a simple **melody**, (2) the **melody** of a tune

This harmonious **melody** immortalized its composer.

lyric

n. the words of a pop song

synonym : song, jingle, ballad

(1) **lyrics** of a song, (2) **lyric** poetry

He embedded the strong will in this **lyric**.

subservience

n. the state of being subordinate or obedient to someone or something else; the quality of being excessively submissive or deferential

synonym : subordination, compliance, obedience

(1) **subservience** to authority, (2) blind **subservience**

The country's **subservience** to foreign power was a major cause of unrest among its citizens.

tolerate

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

synonym : endure, put up with, bear

(1) **tolerate** his disrespectful behavior, (2) **tolerate** ambiguity

I can't **tolerate** spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

context

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

synonym : background, setting, environment

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

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

aghast

adj. filled with shock, horror, or amazement

synonym : shocked, horrified, amazed

(1) **aghast** at the sight, (2) **aghast** at the situation

She was **aghast** at the news of the accident.

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.

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**.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

- confirm** v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
synonym: affirm, verify, assure
(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction
Please write to **confirm** your reservation.
- narrative** n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
synonym: the tale, chronology, annals
(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**
The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- perpetuate** v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time
synonym: eternalize, preserve, maintain
(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain
That work **perpetuates** his fame.
- myth** n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
synonym: fable, legend, lore
(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**
With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- alternative** n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
synonym: choice, option
(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.
- strategy** n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
synonym: approach, procedure, scenario
(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**
Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

energetic

adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy

synonym : active, animated, lively

(1) **energetic** density, (2) **energetic** dog

This process caused an **energetic** chemical reaction.

percussion

n. the section of an orchestra or band that plays instruments such as drums, cymbals, and tambourines; the action of striking something to produce a sound

synonym : beating, rhythm, strike

(1) **percussion** instrument, (2) chest **percussion**

The **percussion** section is an essential part of the band's sound.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

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.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

problematic

adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

synonym : inappropriate, inconvenient, worrisome

(1) a **problematic** situation, (2) seems to be highly **problematic**

Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving **problematic** situations within a community.

knot

n. a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread
synonym: tangle, entanglement, snarl

(1) a hard **knot**, (2) a **knot** of people

The boy scout showed us how to tie a **knot** that wouldn't come undone.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym: blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

ovary

n. either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

(1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack

They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.

liberty

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

synonym: freedom, autonomy, independence

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

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

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym : genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym : extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

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.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

misogyny

n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

synonym : sexism, chauvinism

(1) **misogyny** issue, (2) the **misogyny** of medieval Christianity

His speech was filled with **misogyny** and caused widespread outrage.

airwave

n. a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves

synonym : broadcast, transmission, radio signal

(1) walkie-talkie **airwave**, (2) commercial **airwave**

The radio station broadcasts my favorite song over the **airwaves**.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

vibe

n. an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood

synonym : atmosphere, aura, feeling

(1) party **vibe**, (2) chill **vibe**

The music festival had a great **vibe**, with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.

queer

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

synonym : strange, odd, unusual

(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

electron

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

synonym: negatron

(1) flow of **electrons**, (2) beam of **electrons**

The outermost **electron** shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

cast

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

synonym: throw, project, select

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

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

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

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

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

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym: request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

swag

n. a decorative arrangement of fabric or material; stolen goods or loot; a slang term for confident style or coolness

synonym: booty, loot, plunder

(1) stolen **swag**, (2) **swag** outfit

The rapper showed off his new **swag** during his performance on stage.

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

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.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

disempower

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

synonym: disenfranchise, weaken, undermine

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

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

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.

mute

adj. silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

synonym : silent, unspoken, voiceless

(1) **mute** button, (2) **mute** sound

The actor played a **mute** character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

playlist

n. a curated list of songs or audio recordings that can be played in a specific order or shuffled randomly, often created for a specific purpose or event

synonym : tracklist, music list

(1) personal **playlist**, (2) curated **playlist**

I created a **playlist** of my favorite songs for my road trip.

mood

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

synonym: mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym: means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work

late into the night.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 13. 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 |
| 14. field of vi____l arts | <i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight |
| 15. wedding ve__e | <i>n.</i> a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed |
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31. li____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
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psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
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62. qu__r money *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
63. stolen s__g *n.* a decorative arrangement of fabric or material; stolen goods or loot; a slang term for confident style or coolness
64. ly__cs of a song *n.* the words of a pop song
65. confuse fa____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
66. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
67. a simple me____y *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
68. se____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
69. walkie-talkie ai____e *n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
70. the crosswise di____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
71. commercial ai____e *n.* a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
72. an ap____l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

ANSWERS: 62. queer, 63. swag, 64. lyric, 65. fantasy, 66. doe, 67. melody, 68. secondly, 69. airwave, 70. dimension, 71. airwave, 72. appeal

73. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
74. seems to be highly pro_____ic *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
75. a man of pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
76. m__e sound *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
77. party v__e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
78. per_____te chronic pain *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
79. ov__y atrophy *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
80. to_____te ambiguity *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
81. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
82. fa_____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
83. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

ANSWERS: 73. strategy, 74. problematic, 75. property, 76. mute, 77. vibe, 78. perpetuate, 79. ovary, 80. tolerate, 81. mood, 82. fantasy, 83. mechanism

84. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
85. nu_____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
86. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
87. the st____m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
88. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
89. de_____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
90. perfect ex_____e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
91. as____ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
92. curated pl_____st *n.* a curated list of songs or audio recordings that can be played in a specific order or shuffled randomly, often created for a specific purpose or event

ANSWERS: 84. emotion, 85. nuanced, 86. percentage, 87. stream, 88. liberate, 89. degrade, 90. excuse, 91. aspect, 92. playlist

93. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
94. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
95. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
96. cultural n____m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
97. up____t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
98. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
99. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
100. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
101. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
102. qu____r fashion *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
103. mi_____ny issue *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
104. per_____on instrument *n.* the section of an orchestra or band that plays instruments such as drums, cymbals, and tambourines; the action of striking something to produce a sound

ANSWERS: 93. identify, 94. authentic, 95. identify, 96. norm, 97. uplift, 98. emotion, 99. doe, 100. strategy, 101. responsible, 102. queer, 103. misogyny, 104. percussion

105. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
106. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
107. 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
108. ag___t at the sight *adj.* filled with shock, horror, or amazement
109. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
110. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
111. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
112. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
113. ly__c poetry *n.* the words of a pop song
114. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
115. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

ANSWERS: 105. prop, 106. background, 107. contribute, 108. aghast, 109. visual, 110. corruption, 111. industrious, 112. aspect, 113. lyric, 114. celebrate, 115. corruption

116. beam of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
117. sub_____nce to authority *n.* the state of being subordinate or obedient to someone or something else; the quality of being excessively submissive or deferential
118. ve__e capacity *n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
119. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
120. blind sub_____nce *n.* the state of being subordinate or obedient to someone or something else; the quality of being excessively submissive or deferential
121. co_____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
122. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
123. irregular heart rh____m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
124. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 116. electron, 117. subservience, 118. venue, 119. gender, 120. subservience, 121. confirm, 122. cast, 123. rhythm, 124. context

125. the common but nu____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
126. in____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
127. a warm em____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
128. dis____er the opposition *v.* to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
129. an alt____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
130. em____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
131. salted ov__y of walleye pollack *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
132. co____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
133. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
134. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 125. nuanced, 126. insecure, 127. embrace, 128. disempower, 129. alternative, 130. embrace, 131. ovary, 132. concept, 133. cast, 134. concept

135. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
136. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
137. to_____te his disrespectful behavior *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
138. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
139. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
140. en_____ic dog *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
141. the me____y of a tune *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
142. li_____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
143. chest per_____on *n.* the section of an orchestra or band that plays instruments such as drums, cymbals, and tambourines; the action of striking something to produce a sound
144. a pro_____ic situation *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
145. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

ANSWERS: 135. celebrate, 136. narrative, 137. tolerate, 138. responsible, 139. consume, 140. energetic, 141. melody, 142. liberty, 143. percussion, 144. problematic, 145. percentage

146. in___e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
147. all ability to mo_____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
148. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
149. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
150. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 146. infuse, 147. motivate, 148. prop, 149. context, 150. contribute

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
2. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
3. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
4. The radio station broadcasts my favorite song over the _____.
n. a system of transmitting sound, video, or other data through the air using radio waves or other electromagnetic waves
5. The boy scout showed us how to tie a _____ that wouldn't come undone.
n. a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread
6. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
7. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
8. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

ANSWERS: 1. secondly, 2. absolutely, 3. excuse, 4. airwaves, 5. knot, 6. communicate, 7. liberated, 8. posit

9. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.
n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
10. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
11. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
12. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
13. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
14. The music festival had a great _____ with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.
n. an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
15. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 9. mood, 10. fantasy, 11. gender, 12. cast, 13. nuanced, 14. vibe, 15. bubble

16. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.
n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
17. His speech was filled with _____ and caused widespread outrage.
n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
18. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
19. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite _____.
adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
20. The _____ section is an essential part of the band's sound.
n. the section of an orchestra or band that plays instruments such as drums, cymbals, and tambourines; the action of striking something to produce a sound
21. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.
n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
22. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
23. That work _____ his fame.
v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

ANSWERS: 16. corruption, 17. misogyny, 18. vulnerable, 19. queer, 20. percussion, 21. appeal, 22. oppressed, 23. perpetuates

24. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

25. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.

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

26. Children in an unstructured environment often feel _____.

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

27. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

28. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

29. He embedded the strong will in this _____.

n. the words of a pop song

30. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

31. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

32. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 24. industrious, 25. liberty, 26. insecure, 27. algorithm, 28. depicted, 29. lyric, 30. electron, 31. dimensions, 32. emotions

33. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.
- v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
34. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.
- v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
35. Please write to _____ your reservation.
- v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
36. The politician's efforts to _____ marginalized communities were met with widespread criticism.
- v. to deprive of power, authority, or influence, to make someone or something less powerful or effective
37. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
38. The country's _____ to foreign power was a major cause of unrest among its citizens.
- n. the state of being subordinate or obedient to someone or something else; the quality of being excessively submissive or deferential
39. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

ANSWERS: 33. degrade, 34. motivate, 35. confirm, 36. disempower, 37. consume, 38. subservience, 39. myth

40. They found _____ cancer in an early stage.

n. either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

41. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

42. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

43. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

44. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

45. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

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46. The stages of the play were meticulously _____

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47. I can't _____ spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

ANSWERS: 40. ovary, 41. responsible, 42. concept, 43. doe, 44. visual, 45. streams, 46. authentic, 47. tolerate

48. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

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

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

50. The concert _____ was packed with excited fans.

n. a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed

51. This process caused an _____ chemical reaction.

adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy

52. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

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54. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

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56. We have finally lost our last _____.

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57. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

58. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

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

59. The woods _____ the house.

- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

60. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.

- n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

61. Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving _____ situations within a community.

- adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

62. I created a _____ of my favorite songs for my road trip.

- n.* a curated list of songs or audio recordings that can be played in a specific order or shuffled randomly, often created for a specific purpose or event

63. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

ANSWERS: 56. prop, 57. alternative, 58. context, 59. embrace, 60. mechanisms, 61. problematic, 62. playlist, 63. strategy

64. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
65. Is this painting _____ or forged?
- adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
66. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
- n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
67. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
68. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
- n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
69. 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
70. The rapper showed off his new _____ during his performance on stage.
- n.* a decorative arrangement of fabric or material; stolen goods or loot; a slang term for confident style or coolness
71. The actor played a _____ character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.
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n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

73. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

74. This harmonious _____ immortalized its composer.

n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

75. She was _____ at the news of the accident.

adj. filled with shock, horror, or amazement

ANSWERS: 72. rhythm, 73. identify, 74. melody, 75. aghast