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Session 1: Word List

par *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
synonym: equality, standard, balance
(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**
Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

digital *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber
(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature
Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

hinder *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
synonym: frustrate, hamper, interfere
(1) **hinder** athletic performance, (2) **hinder** international exchanges
The pandemic **hindered** the growth of the airline industry.

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

synonym : toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

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.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

violent

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

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym : publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym : hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

fast-forward

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

synonym : advance, hasten, speed up

(1) **fast-forward** 10 seconds, (2) **fast-forward** to the good part

I like to **fast-forward** through commercials when watching TV shows.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

eager

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

synonym : keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

pornography

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

synonym: obscenity, indecency, smut

(1) **pornography** addiction, (2) violent **pornography**

The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of **pornography** easier than ever before.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge

She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

synonym: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

inequality

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

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

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

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

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym: instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

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

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

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something
synonym : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

fundamental

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

synonym : basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

caution

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

synonym : carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

terrain

n. the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

synonym : land, geography, topography

(1) **terrain** map, (2) permafrost **terrain**

The mountainous **terrain** was rough and rocky.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym : discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons

from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

fraught

adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

synonym : tense, anxious, stressed

(1) become increasingly **fraught**, (2) **fraught** with danger

The negotiations were **fraught** with challenges and setbacks.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

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.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

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.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym:

certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark
I'm not **confident** in our victory.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**
My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

contradictory

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

synonym: conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence
His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

daisy

n. a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead

synonym: marguerite, bellis, chrysanthemum

(1) **daisy** chain, (2) lawn **daisy**

She picked a blue **daisy** from the meadow and placed it in her hair.

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**.

creative

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

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his

subordinates more **creative**.

papier-mache

n. a craft or artistic technique involving the use of paper strips or pulp, typically mixed with glue or paste, to create sculptures, masks, and other objects

synonym: paper-mache, paper pulp

(1) **papier-mache** sculpture, (2) **papier-mache** ball

The kids had fun making **papier-mache** masks for their school play.

craft

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

synonym: art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

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.

aesthetic

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

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

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

resemble

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something
synonym: look like, be similar to

(1) **resemble** each other, (2) **resemble** her mother

The brothers **resemble** each other in the hobby.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

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.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

moderate

adj. being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
synonym: average, middle-of-the-road, tempered

(1) **moderate** growth, (2) **moderate** risk

He had a **moderate** understanding of the topic but needed further research.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym: harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

autism

n. a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication

(1) high-functioning **autism**, (2) **autism** spectrum disorder

There is no cure for **autism**, but early intervention and therapy can improve outcomes for individuals with the condition.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym: occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

geek

n. a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed

synonym: nerd, dork, enthusiast

(1) airplane **geek**, (2) **geek** enthusiast

He was a computer **geek** and spent all his free time coding.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

enroll

v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

synonym: register, enlist, join

(1) **enroll** at a college, (2) **enroll** in a school

I need to **enroll** in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

impose

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

synonym: charge, levy, foist

(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs

The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

affinity

n. a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption

synonym : liking, attraction, fondness

(1) **affinity** group, (2) have a high **affinity**

He has a strong **affinity** for music and plays multiple instruments.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

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.

scaremongering

n. spreading frightening or alarming rumors or ideas, typically to manipulate public opinion in some way; (noun) the act of spreading or promoting fear or anxiety about a particular issue or event, often for political or personal gain

synonym: fearmongering, alarmism, panic-mongering

(1) **scaremongering** campaign, (2) media **scaremongering**
The politician's **scaremongering** tactics were criticized for unnecessarily inflaming public fears and anxieties.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**
Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

spy

n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

synonym: agent, undercover operative

(1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools

The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym: forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym: damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym: stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

comparison

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

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.

restrict

v. to limit someone's actions or movements, or to limit something to lessen its size or prevent it from increasing

synonym: limit, confine, hinder

(1) **restrict** an Internet access, (2) **restrict** the use of this parking lot

We **restrict** the number of students per course to twenty.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym: opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym: conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add

detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym: assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

embed

v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

synonym: entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor

The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

curriculum

n. a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.

synonym: program, syllabus, course of study

(1) a **curriculum** vitae, (2) an academic **curriculum**

A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the **curriculum**.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

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.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym: plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

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.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

influence

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

synonym : power, leverage, effect

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

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

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

enhance

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

synonym : improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

Session 2: Spelling

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ANSWERS: 1. spy, 2. origin, 3. uncertain, 4. papier-mache, 5. caution, 6. resemble, 7. democracy, 8. digital

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14. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
15. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
16. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 9. fast-forward, 10. fast-forward, 11. ban, 12. embrace, 13. device, 14. confident, 15. comparison, 16. economy

17. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
18. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
19. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
20. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
21. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
22. en____l at a college *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
23. da__y chain *n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
24. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
25. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
26. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
27. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
28. an age of ab_____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

ANSWERS: 17. relation, 18. profession, 19. strength, 20. breed, 21. inevitable, 22. enroll, 23. daisy, 24. aspiration, 25. overwhelming, 26. discuss, 27. outcome, 28. abundance

29. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
30. te_____n map *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
31. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
32. hi____r athletic performance *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
33. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
34. high-functioning au____m *n.* a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication
35. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
36. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
37. mo_____te risk *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
38. im____e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
39. en____e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
40. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 29. government, 30. terrain, 31. difficulty, 32. hinder, 33. craft, 34. autism, 35. anxiety, 36. conflict, 37. moderate, 38. impose, 39. engage, 40. invest

41. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
42. ev____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
43. en____e the flavor of the vanilla *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
44. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
45. strong and co____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
46. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
47. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
48. g__k enthusiast *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
49. re____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 41. creative, 42. evaluate, 43. enhance, 44. craft, 45. committed, 46. invite, 47. argue, 48. geek, 49. recognize

50. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
51. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
52. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
53. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
54. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
55. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
56. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
57. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
58. an ab_____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

ANSWERS: 50. undermine, 51. negotiate, 52. ban, 53. confident, 54. broad, 55. posit, 56. undermine, 57. develop, 58. abundance

59. mo____te growth *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
60. con_____ory evidence *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
61. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
62. 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
63. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
64. in____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
65. the ar____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
66. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
67. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
68. the local chamber of co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
69. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
70. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 59. moderate, 60. contradictory, 61. weird, 62. embrace, 63. broad, 64. interact, 65. argument, 66. photograph, 67. breed, 68. commerce, 69. imaginative, 70. opportune

71. capable of ima_____ve creation	<i>adj.</i> having or showing new and creative ideas
72. not up to p_r	<i>n.</i> a state of being equal to someone or something
73. und_____ate the probability	<i>v.</i> to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
74. col_____te on a press release	<i>v.</i> to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
75. po__t the premise	<i>v.</i> to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
76. pap_____che sculpture	<i>n.</i> a craft or artistic technique involving the use of paper strips or pulp, typically mixed with glue or paste, to create sculptures, masks, and other objects
77. im___e tariffs	<i>v.</i> to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
78. in_____ce the daily life	<i>n.</i> the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
79. de_____p a strategy	<i>v.</i> to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
80. in_____ct directly with customers	<i>v.</i> to communicate or react with somebody
81. art cr___c	<i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 71. imaginative, 72. par, 73. underestimate, 74. collaborate, 75. posit, 76. papier-mache, 77. impose, 78. influence, 79. develop, 80. interact, 81. critic

82. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
83. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
84. digital s_y tools *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
85. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
86. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
87. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
88. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
89. take an un_____in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
90. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
91. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
92. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 82. fundamental, 83. practical, 84. spy, 85. opportune, 86. educational, 87. negotiate, 88. deserve, 89. uncertain, 90. optimistic, 91. solid, 92. relation

93. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
94. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
95. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
96. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
97. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
98. em__d scripts in the message *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
99. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
100. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
101. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
102. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
103. fr_____t with danger *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
104. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

ANSWERS: 93. alternative, 94. overwhelming, 95. collaborate, 96. difficulty, 97. optimistic, 98. embed, 99. advertise, 100. influence, 101. fascinate, 102. severe, 103. fraught, 104. comparison

105. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
106. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
107. 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
108. in_____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
109. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
110. media sca_____ing *n.* spreading frightening or alarming rumors or ideas, typically to manipulate public opinion in some way; (noun) the act of spreading or promoting fear or anxiety about a particular issue or event, often for political or personal gain
111. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
112. permafrost te_____n *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

ANSWERS: 105. underestimate, 106. democracy, 107. economy, 108. invite, 109. inequality, 110. scaremongering, 111. affordable, 112. terrain

113. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
114. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
115. ev____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
116. lawn da__y *n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
117. act with ca____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
118. mi____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
119. ae____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
120. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
121. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 113. calm, 114. identity, 115. evaluate, 116. daisy, 117. caution, 118. migrant, 119. aesthetic, 120. struggle, 121. violent

122. an emotional ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
123. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
124. em__d a sensor *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
125. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
126. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
127. ea__r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
128. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
129. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
130. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
131. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
132. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
133. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

ANSWERS: 122. judgment, 123. affordable, 124. embed, 125. struggle, 126. intensify, 127. eager, 128. creative, 129. par, 130. violent, 131. severe, 132. argument, 133. practical

134. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
135. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
136. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
137. a bac_____nd color *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
138. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
139. re_____ct an Internet access *v.* to limit someone's actions or movements, or to limit something to lessen its size or prevent it from increasing
140. 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

ANSWERS: 134. profession, 135. discuss, 136. inequality, 137. background, 138. photograph, 139. restrict, 140. background

141. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
142. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
143. cu___e an art website *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
144. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
145. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
146. act as a dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
147. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
148. have a high af_____ty *n.* a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption
149. por_____hy addiction *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

ANSWERS: 141. fundamental, 142. engage, 143. curate, 144. symbol, 145. invest, 146. decision-maker, 147. anxiety, 148. affinity, 149. pornography

150. a cur_____um vitae *n.* a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
151. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
152. violent por_____hy *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
153. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
154. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
155. re_____le her mother *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
156. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
157. electronic de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
158. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
159. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
160. an academic cur_____um *n.* a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
161. apparently con_____ory *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

ANSWERS: 150. curriculum, 151. strength, 152. pornography, 153. alternative, 154. commerce, 155. resemble, 156. inherit, 157. device, 158. committed, 159. origin, 160. curriculum, 161. contradictory

162. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
163. airplane g__k *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
164. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
165. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
166. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
167. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
168. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
169. re_____ct the use of this parking lot *v.* to limit someone's actions or movements, or to limit something to lessen its size or prevent it from increasing
170. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
171. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 162. psychology, 163. geek, 164. weird, 165. solid, 166. outcome, 167. advertise, 168. identity, 169. restrict, 170. excite, 171. recognize

172. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
173. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
174. hi____r international exchanges *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
175. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
176. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
177. en____l in a school *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
178. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
179. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
180. a di____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
181. af_____ty group *n.* a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption
182. perpetual cu____e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 172. aesthetic, 173. psychology, 174. hinder, 175. suppose, 176. aspiration, 177. enroll, 178. educational, 179. resistance, 180. digital, 181. affinity, 182. curate

183. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
184. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
185. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
186. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
187. sca_____ing campaign *n.* spreading frightening or alarming rumors or ideas, typically to manipulate public opinion in some way; (noun) the act of spreading or promoting fear or anxiety about a particular issue or event, often for political or personal gain
188. en_____e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
189. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
190. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
191. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
192. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 183. migrant, 184. fascinate, 185. deserve, 186. intensify, 187. scaremongering, 188. enhance, 189. decision-maker, 190. inherit, 191. resistance, 192. conflict

193. au___m spectrum disorder *n.* a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication
194. become increasingly fr_____t *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
195. with ea__r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
196. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
197. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
198. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
199. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
200. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
201. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
202. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
203. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
204. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 193. autism, 194. fraught, 195. eager, 196. critic, 197. inevitable, 198. excite, 199. calm, 200. argue, 201. suppose, 202. judgment, 203. government, 204. symbol

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
2. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
3. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.
adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
4. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
5. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
6. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
7. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
8. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
n. a state of being equal to someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. symbol, 2. optimistic, 3. severe, 4. migrant, 5. identity, 6. deserved, 7. inherited, 8. par

9. I've included the two designs for a _____.
- n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
10. The government recruited a ____ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell
- n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
11. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
- adj.* very wide; general
12. 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
13. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
14. A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the _____.
- n.* a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
15. There is no cure for _____ but early intervention and therapy can improve outcomes for individuals with the condition.
- n.* a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication
16. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 9. comparison, 10. spy, 11. broad, 12. government, 13. inequality, 14. curriculum, 15. autism, 16. suppose

17. She is a hard worker but not very _____.
adj. having or showing new and creative ideas
18. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.
n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
19. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.
v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
20. He had a _____ understanding of the topic but needed further research.
adj. being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
21. The kids had fun making _____ masks for their school play.
n. a craft or artistic technique involving the use of paper strips or pulp, typically mixed with glue or paste, to create sculptures, masks, and other objects
22. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.
v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
23. The company _____ a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.
v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
24. The politician's _____ tactics were criticized for unnecessarily inflaming public fears and anxieties.
n. spreading frightening or alarming rumors or ideas, typically to manipulate public opinion in some way; (noun) the act of spreading or promoting fear or anxiety about a particular issue or event, often for political or personal gain

ANSWERS: 17. imaginative, 18. abundance, 19. impose, 20. moderate, 21. papier-mache, 22. undermine, 23. embedded, 24. scaremongering

25. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
26. We want to _____ our company through your media.
v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
27. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
28. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
29. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.
adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
30. The pandemic _____ the growth of the airline industry.
v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
31. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
32. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 25. relations, 26. advertise, 27. outcome, 28. inevitable, 29. aesthetic, 30. hindered, 31. committed, 32. creative

33. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
- v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
34. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
35. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
36. 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
37. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
38. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
39. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
40. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
- n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

ANSWERS: 33. breeds, 34. influence, 35. develop, 36. economy, 37. excited, 38. discuss, 39. critics, 40. craft

41. He could not _____ against temptation.

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

42. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

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

- adj.* not expensive and able to pay

44. The mountainous _____ was rough and rocky.

- n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

45. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

46. I'm not _____ in our victory.

- adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

47. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

48. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 41. struggle, 42. recognize, 43. affordable, 44. terrain, 45. commerce, 46. confident, 47. photograph, 48. weird

49. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

50. The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of _____ easier than ever before.

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

51. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

52. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

53. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

54. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

55. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

n. a condition or state that causes problems

56. I need to _____ in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.

v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

ANSWERS: 49. fundamental, 50. pornography, 51. conflicts, 52. calm, 53. opportune, 54. underestimated, 55. difficulty, 56. enroll

57. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

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

58. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.

- n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

59. The magic tricks _____ the children.

- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

60. The negotiations were _____ with challenges and setbacks.

- adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

61. The children were _____ to start the treasure hunt.

- adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

62. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

63. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.

- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

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

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

ANSWERS: 57. posit, 58. curate, 59. fascinated, 60. fraught, 61. eager, 62. argue, 63. device, 64. alternative

65. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
66. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
67. She waited for her daughter with _____.
n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
68. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.
adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
69. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
70. 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
71. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
72. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
73. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 65. collaborate, 66. ban, 67. anxiety, 68. educational, 69. profession, 70. embrace, 71. aspiration, 72. judgments, 73. digital

74. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

75. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

76. He gave a stern _____ to the naughty student.

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

77. His statements were _____ leaving the audience confused.

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

78. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

79. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

80. The brothers _____ each other in the hobby.

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something

81. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

82. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

ANSWERS: 74. uncertain, 75. interact, 76. caution, 77. contradictory, 78. strength, 79. overwhelming, 80. resemble, 81. invite, 82. violent

83. We _____ the number of students per course to twenty.
- v.* to limit someone's actions or movements, or to limit something to lessen its size or prevent it from increasing
84. She picked a blue _____ from the meadow and placed it in her hair.
- n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
85. I like to _____ through commercials when watching TV shows.
- v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
86. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
87. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.
- adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
88. He was a computer _____ and spent all his free time coding.
- n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
89. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
- v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
90. We are always happy to _____ a discount.
- v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

ANSWERS: 83. restrict, 84. daisy, 85. fast-forward, 86. Democracy, 87. practical, 88. geek, 89. intensify, 90. negotiate

91. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
92. The new strategy will _____ the profitability of our company.
- v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
93. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
94. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
95. He has a strong _____ for music and plays multiple instruments.
- n.* a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption
96. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
97. The _____ of water is called ice.
- adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
98. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 91. psychology, 92. enhance, 93. engaged, 94. invest, 95. affinity, 96. argument, 97. solid-state, 98. origin

99. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
100. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
- v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
101. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.
- n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
102. 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

ANSWERS: 99. resistance, 100. evaluate, 101. decision-makers, 102. background