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Session 1: Word List

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

ace

n. a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field

synonym: expert, master, champion

(1) tennis **ace**, (2) **ace** in the hole

He was an **ace** at playing poker and often won the game.

probabilistic

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

synonym: probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

statistics

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

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

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

portrait

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

synonym: illustration, image, portraiture

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

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

poke

v. to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

synonym: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

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

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

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

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.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

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**.

counterintuitive

adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

synonym : unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym : plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

likelihood

n. the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

synonym: probability, chance, possibility

(1) **likelihood** of the success, (2) improve the **likelihood** of a cure

The **likelihood** of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

subset

n. a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category

synonym: subcategory, subdivision

(1) proper **subset**, (2) **subset** selection

A **subset** of the employees will be trained in the new software program.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group
All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym : corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee
Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

believable

adj. able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible

synonym : plausible, credible, convincing

(1) **believable** story, (2) **believable** excuse

The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed **believable** and realistic.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

conjunction

n. the state of being joined, united, or associated; a part of speech that connects words, phrases, or clauses, such as and, but, while

synonym : combination, intersection, coexistence

(1) in **conjunction** with other agents, (2) causal **conjunction**

A **conjunction** of three mistakes caused the accident.

fallacy

n. a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

synonym : falsity, misconception, delusion

(1) **fallacy** of logic, (2) belief in a **fallacy**

Many people cling to the **fallacy** that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

shortcut

n. an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one

synonym: bypass, cutoff, alternative

(1) take a **shortcut**, (2) keyboard **shortcuts**

There is no **shortcut** to success.

plausible

adj. seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing

synonym: probable, conceivable, credible

(1) **plausible** explanation, (2) a **plausible** liar

She could find no **plausible** explanation for its failure.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

preceding

adj. occurring or coming before something or somebody in time or order; previous or former

synonym: former, earlier, antecedent

(1) **preceding** paragraph, (2) **preceding** year

During the **preceding** quarter, the company experienced significant growth.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

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.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym: spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym: anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread
People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym : watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym : arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

dice

n. a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games

synonym : cube, die

(1) **dice** game, (2) playing **dice**

He rolled the **dice**, hoping for a lucky outcome.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym : assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

conspiracy

n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

synonym : plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory

There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

rely

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

synonym : depend, count, lean

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

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

resonant

adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling

synonym : echoing, reverberating, resonating

(1) **resonant** with the sound, (2) **resonant** cavity

The **resonant** frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.

outlandish

adj. bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal

synonym : eccentric, bizarre, strange

(1) **outlandish** proposal, (2) **outlandish** behavior

The **outlandish** outfit drew the attention of everyone in the room.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. de_____on authority
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
3. equ_____nt amounts
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
4. official sta_____cs
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
5. number of different sc_____ios
n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
6. b_t on a race
v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
7. be_____g to a group
v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
8. false cl__m
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 1. background, 2. decision, 3. equivalent, 4. statistics, 5. scenario, 6. bet, 7. belong, 8. claim

9. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
10. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
11. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
12. su____t selection *n.* a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category
13. out_____sh behavior *adj.* bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal
14. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
15. bel_____le story *adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible
16. have a high af____ty *n.* a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption
17. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
18. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

ANSWERS: 9. predict, 10. regardless, 11. crisis, 12. subset, 13. outlandish, 14. narrative, 15. believable, 16. affinity, 17. random, 18. resonate

19. improve the lik_____od of a cure *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
20. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
21. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
22. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
23. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
24. out_____sh proposal *adj.* bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal
25. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
26. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
27. af_____ty group *n.* a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption

ANSWERS: 19. likelihood, 20. rely, 21. mathematics, 22. intuition, 23. necessarily, 24. outlandish, 25. decision, 26. narrative, 27. affinity

28. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
29. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
30. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
31. in con_____on with other agents *n.* the state of being joined, united, or associated; a part of speech that connects words, phrases, or clauses, such as and, but, while
32. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
33. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
34. playing d__e *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
35. causal con_____on *n.* the state of being joined, united, or associated; a part of speech that connects words, phrases, or clauses, such as and, but, while
36. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
37. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
38. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 28. component, 29. scenario, 30. ultimate, 31. conjunction, 32. ultimate, 33. relative, 34. dice, 35. conjunction, 36. specific, 37. representative, 38. phenomenon

39. re_____nt with the sound *adj.* tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling
40. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
41. allied di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
42. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
43. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
44. bel_____le excuse *adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible
45. the se_____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
46. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 39. resonant, 40. bet, 41. diplomat, 42. observe, 43. roll, 44. believable, 45. sequence, 46. policy

47. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
48. chemical ad____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
49. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
50. fa____y of logic *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
51. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
52. pr____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
53. re____nt cavity *adj.* tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling
54. the DNA se____ce *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
55. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
56. political con____cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
57. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 47. probable, 48. addition, 49. hypothesis, 50. fallacy, 51. probable, 52. predict, 53. resonant, 54. sequence, 55. roll, 56. conspiracy, 57. phenomenon

58. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
59. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
60. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
61. keyboard sh_____uts *n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one
62. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
63. proper su____t *n.* a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category
64. d__e game *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
65. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
66. p__e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
67. a ra____m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
68. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 58. regardless, 59. mathematics, 60. hypothesis, 61. shortcut, 62. observe, 63. subset, 64. dice, 65. participate, 66. poke, 67. random, 68. belong

69. pr_____ng year *adj.* occurring or coming before something or somebody in time or order; previous or former
70. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
71. 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
72. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
73. pr_____ng paragraph *adj.* occurring or coming before something or somebody in time or order; previous or former
74. take a sh_____ut *n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one
75. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
76. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
77. po_____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

ANSWERS: 69. preceding, 70. vice, 71. background, 72. counterintuitive, 73. preceding, 74. shortcut, 75. representative, 76. claim, 77. portrait

78. pro_____tic approach *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
79. pl_____le explanation *adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing
80. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
81. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
82. a_e in the hole *n.* a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field
83. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
84. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
85. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
86. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
87. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 78. probabilistic, 79. plausible, 80. vice, 81. necessarily, 82. ace, 83. crisis, 84. relative, 85. participate, 86. component, 87. addition

88. tennis a_e *n.* a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field
89. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
90. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
91. belief in a fa____y *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
92. pro_____tic model *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
93. lik_____od of the success *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
94. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
95. con_____cy theory *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

ANSWERS: 88. ace, 89. specific, 90. counterintuitive, 91. fallacy, 92. probabilistic, 93. likelihood, 94. policy, 95. conspiracy

96. p__e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
97. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
98. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
99. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
100. a pl_____le liar *adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing
101. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
102. a po_____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
103. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
104. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 96. poke, 97. equivalent, 98. diplomat, 99. statistics, 100. plausible, 101. resonate, 102. portrait, 103. intuition, 104. rely

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
 - n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

2. He has a strong _____ for music and plays multiple instruments.
 - n.* a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption

3. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
 - n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

4. A _____ of the employees will be trained in the new software program.
 - n.* a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category

5. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
 - n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

6. They _____ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.
 - v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

7. The media _____ had special passes.
 - n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

ANSWERS: 1. intuitions, 2. affinity, 3. scenarios, 4. subset, 5. policy, 6. poked, 7. representatives

8. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
- v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
9. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
10. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.
- n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
11. The _____ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.
- adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
12. The sound _____ well in this theater.
- v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
13. The novel's plot was so well-written that it seemed _____ and realistic.
- adj.* able to be accepted or easily believed; convincing or plausible
14. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
15. There is no _____ to success.
- n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one

ANSWERS: 8. observe, 9. addition, 10. vice, 11. counterintuitive, 12. resonates, 13. believable, 14. participated, 15. shortcut

16. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
17. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.
- n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
18. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
19. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.
- adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
20. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
21. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
- n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
22. Many people cling to the _____ that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.
- n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

ANSWERS: 16. claim, 17. sequence, 18. rolled, 19. regardless, 20. statistics, 21. diplomat, 22. fallacy

23. He has a flair for _____.

- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

24. This accident was something that happened _____.

- adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

25. A rainbow is a natural _____.

- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

26. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

- adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

27. The _____ of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

- n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

28. In a _____ system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

- adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

29. 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

30. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

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

ANSWERS: 23. mathematics, 24. necessarily, 25. phenomenon, 26. relatives, 27. likelihood, 28. probabilistic, 29. background, 30. rely

31. There was a _____ of silence about illegal police interrogation.
n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
32. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.
n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
33. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
34. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
35. The _____ outfit drew the attention of everyone in the room.
adj. bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal
36. The _____ frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.
adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling
37. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
38. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 31. conspiracy, 32. portrait, 33. probable, 34. ultimate, 35. outlandish, 36. resonant, 37. predict, 38. belong

39. A _____ of three mistakes caused the accident.
n. the state of being joined, united, or associated; a part of speech that connects words, phrases, or clauses, such as and, but, while
40. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
41. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
42. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
43. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.
n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
44. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
45. He was an ____ at playing poker and often won the game.
n. a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field
46. During the _____ quarter, the company experienced significant growth.
adj. occurring or coming before something or somebody in time or order; previous or former

ANSWERS: 39. conjunction, 40. specific, 41. equivalent, 42. decision, 43. hypothesis, 44. random, 45. ace, 46. preceding

47. He rolled the _____ hoping for a lucky outcome.
- n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
48. She could find no _____ explanation for its failure.
- adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing
49. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
50. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
51. I ____ that you know it.
- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
52. 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

ANSWERS: 47. dice, 48. plausible, 49. crisis, 50. component, 51. bet, 52. narrative