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Session 1: Word List

labor

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

synonym : toil, moil, donkeywork

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

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

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

clog

v. to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something

synonym : block, jam, obstruct

(1) **clog** a filter, (2) **clog** artery

The drain was **clogged** with hair and needed to be cleaned out.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

context

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

synonym: background, setting, environment

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

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

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

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

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

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym : damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

almighty

adj. having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent

synonym : omnipotent, all-powerful, supreme

(1) **almighty** power, (2) **almighty** dollar

The **almighty** ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over

his subjects.

tirelessly

adv. without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort

synonym : inexhaustibly, indefatigably, unceasingly

(1) dedicated **tirelessly**, (2) **tirelessly** help out

She worked **tirelessly** for hours to finish her project on time.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

resort

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

synonym : vacation spot, hotel, (verb) address

(1) **resort** to desperate measures, (2) a last **resort**

If both countries **resort** to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

luxurious

adj. characterized by or affording something excessively expensive; rich and comfortable

synonym : opulent, sumptuous, rich

(1) **luxurious** spa, (2) **luxurious** lifestyle

She was living in a **luxurious** apartment in the city.

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**.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym: mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

oppress

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

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

synonym: captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym: separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym: aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

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.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym: pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

psychopath

n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

synonym: sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

sympathy

n. the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions

synonym: compassion, empathy, understanding

(1) **sympathy** card, (2) feel **sympathy**

I expressed my **sympathy** to my friend after her cat passed away.

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.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice-**president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym: program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym: frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

praise

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

synonym: acclaim, honor, commendation

(1) attain critical **praise**, (2) universal **praise**

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

execute

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

synonym : direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play

The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym : delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym : notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

gender

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

synonym : sexuality

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

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or

interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

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.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym : wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sc__e the birds away | <i>v.</i> to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened |
| 2. learn new co____ts | <i>n.</i> an idea or principle associated with something abstract |
| 3. full of em____y | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |
| 4. a sl__e trader | <i>n.</i> a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person |
| 5. child of il____l immigrants | <i>adj.</i> not allowed by law |
| 6. mi____e person | <i>n.</i> an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God |
| 7. is____e a patient | <i>v.</i> to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things |
| 8. is____e a compound | <i>v.</i> to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things |
| 9. junior fe___w | <i>adj.</i> someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you |
| 10. nice fe___w | <i>adj.</i> someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you |

ANSWERS: 1. scare, 2. concept, 3. empathy, 4. slave, 5. illegal, 6. miracle, 7. isolate, 8. isolate, 9. fellow, 10. fellow

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| 11. politically fr____e nation | <i>adj.</i> delicate or easily broken or damaged |
| 12. have com_____on toward the accident | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck |
| 13. c__g a filter | <i>v.</i> to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something |
| 14. historical co_____t | <i>n.</i> the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning |
| 15. severe cr___c | <i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc. |
| 16. universal pr___e | <i>n.</i> an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something |
| 17. uni_____ble depths | <i>adj.</i> beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision |
| 18. feel com_____on for the poor | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck |
| 19. m_r the reputation | <i>v.</i> to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something |
| 20. dual ge___r | <i>n.</i> the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology |

ANSWERS: 11. fragile, 12. compassion, 13. clog, 14. context, 15. critic, 16. praise, 17. unimaginable, 18. compassion, 19. mar, 20. gender

21. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
22. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
23. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
24. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
25. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
26. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
27. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
28. lu_____us spa *adj.* characterized by or affording something excessively expensive; rich and comfortable
29. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
30. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 21. statistics, 22. trump, 23. dumb, 24. slave, 25. revolution, 26. alarm, 27. statistics, 28. luxurious, 29. dumb, 30. oppress

31. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
32. attain critical pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
33. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
34. fr_____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
35. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
36. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
37. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
38. c__g artery *v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
39. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
40. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
41. the country's is_____on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
42. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 31. grand, 32. praise, 33. deserve, 34. fragile, 35. alternative, 36. agenda, 37. engaging, 38. clog, 39. dictator, 40. mar, 41. isolation, 42. universe

43. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
44. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
45. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
46. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
47. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
48. feel sy_____hy *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
49. in_____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
50. ambitious ag____a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
51. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
52. ex_____e a bold strategy *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

ANSWERS: 43. inherent, 44. possibility, 45. trump, 46. alarm, 47. context, 48. sympathy, 49. inherent, 50. agenda, 51. scare, 52. execute

53. re__t to desperate measures *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
54. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
55. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
56. tir_____ly help out *adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort
57. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
58. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
59. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
60. dedicated tir_____ly *adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort
61. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

ANSWERS: 53. resort, 54. revolution, 55. starve, 56. tirelessly, 57. president, 58. engaging, 59. miracle, 60. tirelessly, 61. grand

62. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
63. violent psy_____th *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
64. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
65. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
66. is_____on booth *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
67. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
68. in_____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
69. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
70. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
71. ex_____e a double play *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

ANSWERS: 62. starve, 63. psychopath, 64. climate, 65. dictator, 66. isolation, 67. definition, 68. injustice, 69. climate, 70. unimaginable, 71. execute

72. de____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
73. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
74. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
75. il____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
76. gross in____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
77. an alt____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
78. ro____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
79. al____ty power *adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
80. al____ty dollar *adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
81. el____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 72. deserve, 73. labor, 74. labor, 75. illegal, 76. injustice, 77. alternative, 78. romantic, 79. almighty, 80. almighty, 81. electrify

82. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
83. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
84. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
85. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
86. psy_____th tendencies *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
87. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
88. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
89. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 82. empathy, 83. decide, 84. concept, 85. critic, 86. psychopath, 87. gender, 88. oppress, 89. planet

90. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
91. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
92. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
93. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
94. a last re____t *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
95. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
96. lu_____us lifestyle *adj.* characterized by or affording something excessively expensive; rich and comfortable
97. sy____hy card *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
98. ro____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 90. definition, 91. planet, 92. president, 93. decide, 94. resort, 95. possibility, 96. luxurious, 97. sympathy, 98. romantic

99. el_____fy the audience

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

100. theory of the un_____se

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 99. electrify, 100. universe

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was _____.
v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
2. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.
adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming
3. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
4. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
5. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.
v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
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. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.
n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

ANSWERS: 1. executed, 2. engaging, 3. concept, 4. statistics, 5. starve, 6. deserved, 7. alarm

8. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.
adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
9. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
10. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.
v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
11. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.
v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
12. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
13. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
14. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
15. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
16. That incident led to his _____.
n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

ANSWERS: 8. dumb, 9. Climate, 10. marred, 11. scare, 12. revolution, 13. alternative, 14. universe, 15. dictator, 16. isolation

17. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
- v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
18. You should not _____ them from the community.
- v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
19. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
20. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
- adj.* not allowed by law
21. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
- n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
22. The drain was _____ with hair and needed to be cleaned out.
- v. to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
23. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 17. oppressed, 18. isolate, 19. electrify, 20. illegal, 21. agenda, 22. clogged, 23. decide

24. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
25. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
26. She worked _____ for hours to finish her project on time.
adv. without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort
27. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
28. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
29. It was his first _____ love.
adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
30. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
31. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.
adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

ANSWERS: 24. possibility, 25. gender, 26. tirelessly, 27. president, 28. planet, 29. romantic, 30. context, 31. inherent

32. The drama series mainly received _____.
- n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
33. The _____ ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.
- adj.* having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
34. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
35. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
36. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
37. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.
- n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
38. If both countries _____ to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.
- n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
39. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.
- n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

ANSWERS: 32. praise, 33. almighty, 34. critics, 35. Empathy, 36. grand, 37. miracle, 38. resort, 39. injustice

40. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
41. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.
- n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
42. The detective identified the _____ who had been terrorizing the city for months.
- n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
43. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.
- adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
44. I expressed my _____ to my friend after her cat passed away.
- n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
45. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
46. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.
- adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged

ANSWERS: 40. labor, 41. slave, 42. psychopath, 43. fellow, 44. sympathy, 45. trump, 46. fragile

47. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

48. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

49. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

50. She was living in a _____ apartment in the city.

adj. characterized by or affording something excessively expensive; rich and comfortable

ANSWERS: 47. unimaginable, 48. compassion, 49. definition, 50. luxurious