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Session 1: Word List

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym : encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard
They have no **incentive** to win the game.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

grad

n. (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university

synonym : graduate, alumnus, alumni

(1) high school **grad**, (2) **grad** student

He was proud to be a **grad** of the prestigious university.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience

in awe.

frame

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

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

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

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

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically**

American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

seductive

adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

synonym: alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym: endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

identify

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

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

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

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

presume

- v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym : assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

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.

acknowledge

- v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

conserve

- v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym : preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

pollute

- v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym : contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

forecast

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

synonym : prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym : arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

useless

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

synonym : ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

accuracy

n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

synonym : precision, exactness, truthfulness

(1) degree of **accuracy**, (2) the **accuracy** of his compass

To assure **accuracy**, I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.

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.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

outdated

adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

synonym : obsolete, ancient, bygone

(1) become **outdated**, (2) **outdated** technology

We replaced **outdated** equipment to improve factory productivity.

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.

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.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

reservoir

n. a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something

synonym : pool, supply, repertoire

(1) a **reservoir** of facts, (2) water **reservoir**

The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground **reservoir**.

subaverage

adj. below the average or standard level of performance or ability; less than what is considered to be normal or satisfactory

synonym : below average, subpar, inferior

(1) **subaverage** performance, (2) **subaverage** income

The students in the **subaverage** group received extra support and resources to help them succeed in school.

rainfall

n. the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment

synonym : downpour, drizzle, rain

(1) the mean annual **rainfall**, (2) heavy **rainfall**

These plants thrive in hot climates with abundant **rainfall**.

tab

n. a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill

synonym : tag, label, marker

(1) split a dinner **tab**, (2) open a **tab**

He kept a **tab** on his expenses by writing them down in a notebook.

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.

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.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan
I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym : crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

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.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym : defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

dilution

n. the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of

an idea, principle, or tradition

synonym : diluting, reduction, weakening

(1) **dilution** of power, (2) **dilution** of the original message

The **dilution** of the chemical solution weakened its strength.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym : corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

mercury

n. a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun

synonym : quicksilver, hydrargyrum, Hg

(1) **mercury** poisoning, (2) **Mercury** Plan

The **mercury** in the thermometer had risen to the boiling point.

dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

synonym : weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea

She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

organization

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

synonym : association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym : predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges

I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

groundwater

n. water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock

synonym: aquifer, well water, underground water

(1) **groundwater** supply, (2) contaminated **groundwater**

The town's main source of water is natural **groundwater**.

stream

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

synonym: flow, current, brook

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

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

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

abundant

adj. present in great quantity

synonym: ample, plentiful, generative

(1) live an **abundant** life, (2) an **abundant** supply of water

The country has **abundant** oil and natural gas resources.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

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.

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.

strategy

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

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

jet

n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

synonym: plane, aircraft, flier

(1) private **jet**, (2) commercial **jet**

The **jet** flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the

emission of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large amount of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

mandate

n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

synonym: command, instruction, authority

(1) **mandate** obligation, (2) an Imperial **mandate**

The **mandate** given to the new government is to improve the economy.

firefight

n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used

synonym: battle, conflict, fight

(1) killed in a **firefight**, (2) turn into a **firefight**

The platoon experienced a full-scale **firefight**.

foam

n. a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water

synonym : froth, lather, bubble

(1) the **foam** on a beer, (2) plastics **foam** material

The waves crashed against the rocks, creating white **foam**.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym : tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

defect

n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

synonym : fault, blemish, flaw

(1) visual **defects**, (2) **defects** of character

Defects in the design could cause much worse issues.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

contamination

n. the presence of something harmful or unwanted in a substance, material, or environment; the act of introducing harmful substances or materials into an environment or area

synonym : pollution, defilement, infection

(1) **contamination** levels, (2) soil **contamination**

The **contamination** of the water supply led to widespread illness in the community.

liable

adj. having legal responsibility for something or someone

synonym : answerable, responsible, accountable

(1) **liable** to taxation, (2) **liable** for all damages

The people are **liable** to tax.

underway

adj. having started and currently in progress

synonym : afoot, ongoing, in motion

(1) just getting **underway**, (2) campaign now **underway**

This project has been **underway** for several years.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

synonym : degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

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.

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.

molecule

n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
synonym: particle, element, atom

(1) small **molecules**, (2) **molecule** behavior
The shape of the DNA **molecule** is a double helix.

consequence

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

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument
These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

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.

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
synonym: wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust
The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

elimination

n. the act or process of removing or getting rid of something or someone

synonym: removal, eradication, extinction

(1) waste **elimination**, (2) an **elimination** tournament

The government's efforts toward disease **elimination** have been successful in many regions.

liability

n. a legal or financial responsibility or obligation

synonym: debt, obligation, responsibility

(1) **liability** insurance, (2) **liability** for military service

The company is facing a potential **liability** of millions of dollars due to the lawsuit.

venture

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

synonym: enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym: foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

balance

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

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

urgency

n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

synonym : importance, importunity, urging

(1) **urgency** in the use of force, (2) matter of **urgency**

She departed hurriedly because of some significant **urgency** in their affairs.

extinction

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

synonym : disappearance, eradication, annihilation

(1) **extinction** prevention, (2) brink of **extinction**

The **extinction** of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym : insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

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**.

telegraph

n. a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

(1) answer by **telegraph**, (2) **telegraph** wires

The **telegraph** service was interrupted for a while.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

coordinated

adj. effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

synonym: collective, unified, cooperative

(1) in a **coordinated** manner, (2) **coordinated** robot system

For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better **coordinated**.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym: estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym: execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

synonym: catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs
The content is **precise** and informative for me.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym: commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

portfolio

n. a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization

synonym: collection, file, folder

(1) investment **portfolio**, (2) **portfolio** manager

The artist's **portfolio** showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym: aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

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.

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.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

distress

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

synonym: discomfort, despair, misery

(1) a signal of **distress**, (2) emotional **distress**

She has been in great **distress** since she was heartbroken.

staggering

adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
synonym : astounding, astonishing, stunning

(1) **staggering** number, (2) a **staggering** defeat
The amount of money required was **staggering**.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary
synonym : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women
The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals;
for common use
synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds
Communal elections were held in several European countries.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
synonym : lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform
This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance
She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

conservation

n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
synonym : preservation, protection, saving

(1) soil **conservation**, (2) the **conservation** law of physics
The forest was recently designated a **conservation** area.

easement

n. a legal right to use or access another person's property, typically for a specific purpose or activity, such as walking across a neighbor's land to access a nearby park

synonym : right-of-way, privilege, license

(1) utility **easement**, (2) **easement** agreement

The new housing development needed an **easement** from the neighboring property to build their road.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

synonym : entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym : enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

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.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

substantial

adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance

synonym : significant, notable, actual

(1) a **substantial** amount of capital, (2) have a **substantial** meal

The pandemic was a **substantial** business opportunity for certain companies.

discount

n. a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

synonym : sale, reduction, (verb) lower

(1) **discount** a draft, (2) **discount** store

I got a massive **discount** on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym : belongings, possessions, equity

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

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

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

evasion

n. the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation

synonym : escape, avoidance, dodging

(1) **evasion** of responsibility, (2) take shelter in **evasion**

The **evasion** of his responsibility was reprehensible.

anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

synonym : forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

ingrained

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

synonym : inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym : business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

accustomed

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

synonym : familiar, customary, habitual

(1) **accustomed** routine, (2) **accustomed** to complaints

I am **accustomed** to waking up early for work.

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.

ripe

adj. (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested

synonym : mature, ready, developed

(1) a **ripe** old age, (2) **ripe** tomato

The fruit was **ripe** and ready to eat.

reclamation

n. the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away

synonym : recovery, reutilization, restoration

(1) **reclamation** district, (2) coastal **reclamation**

The **reclamation** of the wetlands allowed for the restoration of the natural ecosystem.

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym : enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

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.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

synonym : back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

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.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

taxpayer

n. a person who pays taxes to the government

synonym: contributor, payer, financier

(1) **taxpayer** money, (2) delinquent **taxpayer**

As a **taxpayer**, he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym: chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

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.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym : also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym : farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

subsidy

n. money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen

synonym : allowance, grant, sponsorship

(1) inefficient fossil fuel **subsidy**, (2) a **subsidy** for research

The government provided a considerable **subsidy** to the company.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym : brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

responsible

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

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

fertilizer

n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

synonym : manure

(1) a chemical **fertilizer**, (2) nonsynthetic **fertilizer**

Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of **fertilizers**.

pesticide

n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

synonym : insecticide, herbicide, fungicide

(1) **pesticide** application, (2) **pesticide** residue

The farmer sprayed **pesticide** on his crops to protect them from insects.

runoff

n. the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome

synonym : drainage, overspill, overflow

(1) agricultural **runoff**, (2) primary **runoff** election

Industrial **runoff** and wind-blown debris are prime examples of pollution.

restructure

v. to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively

synonym : reorganize, revamp, reconstruct

(1) **restructure** sentence, (2) **restructure** my debts

The economic downturn made it necessary to **restructure** the business.

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym : effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

fin *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

progression *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

unwilling *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something

synonym : disinclined, involuntary, reluctant

(1) **unwilling** look, (2) in an **unwilling** voice

They were **unwilling** to take any risks.

confront *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

suppress *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

synonym : subdue, bury, stifle

(1) **suppress** a yawn, (2) **suppress** a revolt

The doctor prescribed medication to **suppress** the patient's appetite.

innovation *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread

to the United Kingdom.

discourage

v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

synonym: dishearten, depress, demoralize

(1) **discourage** customers, (2) **discourage** bacterial growth
His parents tried to **discourage** him from becoming an artist.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

synonym: clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials
The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. co_____nt a global warming | <i>v.</i> to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person |
| 2. designed spe_____lly for men | <i>adv.</i> only associated with or meant for one thing |
| 3. en_____us amount | <i>adj.</i> extremely large or great |
| 4. in_____or lawsuit | <i>n.</i> someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns |
| 5. ant_____te a black future | <i>v.</i> to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance |
| 6. st_____ze prices | <i>v.</i> to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way |
| 7. o__s of business | <i>n.</i> the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen |
| 8. a weather fo_____st | <i>n.</i> a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance |
| 9. pr_____t the future | <i>v.</i> to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience |
| 10. de____d my country | <i>v.</i> to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc. |
| 11. small mo_____les | <i>n.</i> a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds |

ANSWERS: 1. confront, 2. specifically, 3. enormous, 4. investor, 5. anticipate, 6. stabilize, 7. odds, 8. forecast, 9. predict, 10. defend, 11. molecule

12. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
13. su_____ss a yawn *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
14. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
15. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
16. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
17. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
18. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
19. just getting un_____ay *adj.* having started and currently in progress
20. Me_____y Plan *n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
21. heavy ra_____ll *n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
22. utility ea_____nt *n.* a legal right to use or access another person's property, typically for a specific purpose or activity, such as walking across a neighbor's land to access a nearby park

ANSWERS: 12. property, 13. suppress, 14. implement, 15. rev, 16. property, 17. competitive, 18. efficiency, 19. underway, 20. mercury, 21. rainfall, 22. easement

23. a real estate in____or
n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
24. te_____ph wires
n. a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
25. ca____r research
n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
26. sta_____cs for cancer
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
27. as____s the quality
v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
28. sub_____ge performance
adj. below the average or standard level of performance or ability; less than what is considered to be normal or satisfactory
29. in a coo_____ed manner
adj. effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
30. the fr__e of the policy
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
31. biomass f__l
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
32. ve_____e capital
n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

ANSWERS: 23. investor, 24. telegraph, 25. cancer, 26. statistics, 27. assess, 28. subaverage, 29. coordinated, 30. frame, 31. fuel, 32. venture

33. for spe_____lly American customers
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
34. ou_____ed technology
adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
35. ta_____er money
n. a person who pays taxes to the government
36. chaotic env_____nt
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
37. turn into a fi_____ht
n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
38. sp_____r a contest
v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
39. a f_n of a plane
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
40. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
41. with an am_____us eye
adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
42. a re_____ir of facts
n. a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
43. ev_____n of responsibility
n. the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation

ANSWERS: 33. specifically, 34. outdated, 35. taxpayer, 36. environment, 37. firefight, 38. sponsor, 39. fin, 40. balance, 41. ambitious, 42. reservoir, 43. evasion

44. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
45. di___on of the original message *n.* the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition
46. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
47. pe_____t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
48. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
49. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
50. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
51. a sta_____ng defeat *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
52. sta_____ng number *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
53. su_____ss a revolt *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
54. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

ANSWERS: 44. reward, 45. dilution, 46. progression, 47. persist, 48. consequence, 49. invest, 50. stabilize, 51. staggering, 52. staggering, 53. suppress, 54. emergency

55. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
56. inefficient fossil fuel su____y *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
57. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
58. brink of ext_____on *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
59. 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
60. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
61. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
62. de___t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
63. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
64. rec_____on district *n.* the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away

ANSWERS: 55. modern, 56. subsidy, 57. capitalism, 58. extinction, 59. planet, 60. affordable, 61. confront, 62. detect, 63. pollution, 64. reclamation

65. r__e tomato *adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested
66. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
67. ea_____nt agreement *n.* a legal right to use or access another person's property, typically for a specific purpose or activity, such as walking across a neighbor's land to access a nearby park
68. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
69. 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
70. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
71. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
72. er__e trust *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
73. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
74. us_____s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

ANSWERS: 65. ripe, 66. government, 67. easement, 68. government, 69. undermine, 70. environment, 71. aspect, 72. erode, 73. zone, 74. useless

75. soil con_____ion *n.* the presence of something harmful or unwanted in a substance, material, or environment; the act of introducing harmful substances or materials into an environment or area
76. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
77. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
78. numerous un_____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
79. fo_____e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
80. pe_____de application *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
81. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
82. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
83. de___t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

ANSWERS: 75. contamination, 76. progression, 77. infrastructure, 78. uncertain, 79. foresee, 80. pesticide, 81. flood, 82. infrastructure, 83. detect

95. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
96. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
97. the em____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
98. res____re sentence *v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
99. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
100. acc____ed to complaints *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
101. a su____y for research *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
102. have si____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
103. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
104. em____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasp[ing] another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
105. walk on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

ANSWERS: 95. military, 96. invest, 97. emission, 98. restructure, 99. toxic, 100. accustomed, 101. subsidy, 102. similarly, 103. doom, 104. embrace, 105. onstage

106. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
107. in_____ed habit *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
108. emotional di_____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
109. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
110. investment po_____io *n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
111. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
112. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
113. a r__e old age *adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested
114. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
115. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

ANSWERS: 106. opportune, 107. ingrained, 108. distress, 109. dedicate, 110. portfolio, 111. intention, 112. survival, 113. ripe, 114. modern, 115. consistent

116. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
117. waste eli_____on *n.* the act or process of removing or getting rid of something or someone
118. sp_____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
119. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
120. contaminated gro_____er *n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
121. de___ts of character *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
122. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
123. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
124. become ou_____ed *adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
125. in___e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
126. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
127. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
128. di_____nt a draft *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

ANSWERS: 116. pollution, 117. elimination, 118. sponsor, 119. odds, 120. groundwater, 121. defect, 122. reward, 123. chemical, 124. outdated, 125. insure,

126. identify, 127. stream, 128. discount

129. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
130. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
131. an ab_____nt supply of water *adj.* present in great quantity
132. a signal of di_____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
133. me_____y poisoning *n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
134. pr_____e innocence *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
135. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
136. cr_____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
137. pe_____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

ANSWERS: 129. acknowledge, 130. corporate, 131. abundant, 132. distress, 133. mercury, 134. presume, 135. commerce, 136. crisis, 137. perpetual

138. di_____on of power *n.* the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition
139. se_____ve behavior *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
140. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
141. take shelter in ev_____n *n.* the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation
142. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
143. water re_____ir *n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
144. sub_____ge income *adj.* below the average or standard level of performance or ability; less than what is considered to be normal or satisfactory
145. 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

ANSWERS: 138. dilution, 139. seductive, 140. intention, 141. evasion, 142. defend, 143. reservoir, 144. subaverage, 145. develop

146. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
147. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
148. fo_____st an epidemic *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
149. li_____e to taxation *adj.* having legal responsibility for something or someone
150. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
151. a seafaring na_____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
152. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
153. two-ph___e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
154. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
155. supply ch___n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
156. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

ANSWERS: 146. pervasive, 147. pollute, 148. forecast, 149. liable, 150. contaminate, 151. nation, 152. priority, 153. phase, 154. precise, 155. chain, 156. organization

157. mo_____le behavior *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
158. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
159. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
160. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
161. con_____ion levels *n.* the presence of something harmful or unwanted in a substance, material, or environment; the act of introducing harmful substances or materials into an environment or area
162. as____n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
163. as____ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
164. li_____ty for military service *n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
165. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
166. nonsynthetic fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
167. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 157. molecule, 158. contaminate, 159. movement, 160. alternative, 161. contamination, 162. assign, 163. aspect, 164. liability, 165. consume, 166. fertilizer, 167. survival

168. a cr____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
169. an in____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
170. di____e acid with water *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
171. pr____e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
172. degree of ac____cy *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
173. pi____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
174. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
175. the longstanding co____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
176. literature of pe____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
177. agricultural ru____f *n.* the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
178. ur____y in the use of force *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

ANSWERS: 168. crucial, 169. incentive, 170. dilute, 171. presume, 172. accuracy, 173. pinpoint, 174. strategy, 175. conflict, 176. permanent, 177. runoff, 178. urgency

179. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
180. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
181. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
182. take an un_____in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
183. po_____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
184. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
185. im_____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
186. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
187. ant_____te your kind cooperation *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
188. answer by te_____ph *n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
189. open a t_b *n.* a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill

ANSWERS: 179. emerging, 180. conflict, 181. pervasive, 182. uncertain, 183. pollute, 184. estimate, 185. implement, 186. fundamental, 187. anticipate, 188. telegraph, 189. tab

201. a sub_____al amount of capital *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
202. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
203. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
204. in an un_____ng voice *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
205. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
206. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
207. in_____ed prejudice *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
208. delinquent ta_____er *n.* a person who pays taxes to the government
209. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
210. as___s a tax of 10 pounds *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
211. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

ANSWERS: 201. substantial, 202. rev, 203. settle, 204. unwilling, 205. toxic, 206. encourage, 207. ingrained, 208. taxpayer, 209. estimate, 210. assess, 211. consistent

212. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
213. fo_____e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
214. po_____io manager *n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
215. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
216. re_____on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
217. gro_____er supply *n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
218. a ch_____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
219. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
220. in___e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
221. coastal rec_____on *n.* the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away

ANSWERS: 212. responsible, 213. foresee, 214. portfolio, 215. fuel, 216. rebellion, 217. groundwater, 218. chemical, 219. dedicate, 220. insure, 221. reclamation

231. live an ab_____nt life *adj.* present in great quantity
232. the con_____ion law of physics *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
233. g__d student *n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
234. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
235. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
236. pe_____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
237. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
238. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
239. di____e a great idea *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
240. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 231. abundant, 232. conservation, 233. grad, 234. onstage, 235. consequence, 236. persist, 237. confer, 238. organization, 239. dilute, 240. frame

241. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
242. an energy eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
243. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
244. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
245. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
246. un_____ng look *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
247. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
248. ca___r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
249. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
250. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 241. chain, 242. efficiency, 243. strategy, 244. severe, 245. communal, 246. unwilling, 247. incentive, 248. cancer, 249. balance, 250. discovery

251. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
252. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
253. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
254. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
255. se____e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
256. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
257. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
258. means to co_____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
259. an Imperial ma_____e *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
260. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
261. have a sub_____al meal *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
262. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

ANSWERS: 251. ambitious, 252. emerging, 253. innovation, 254. communal, 255. severe, 256. mere, 257. agriculture, 258. conserve, 259. mandate, 260. fin, 261. substantial, 262. commerce

263. killed in a fi_____ht
n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
264. a cold cl_____e
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
265. sp_____ic instructions
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
266. ext_____on prevention
n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
267. en_____ge a sense of affinity
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
268. pe_____al struggle
adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
269. ma_____e obligation
n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
270. se____e a dispute
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
271. high school g__d
n. (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
272. estimate pr_____e costs
adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited
273. 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: 263. firefight, 264. climate, 265. specific, 266. extinction, 267. encourage, 268. perpetual, 269. mandate, 270. settle, 271. grad, 272. precise, 273. economy

274. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
275. the mean annual ra_____ll *n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
276. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
277. private j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
278. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
279. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
280. pe_____de residue *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
281. de_____p a strategy *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
282. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 274. confer, 275. rainfall, 276. military, 277. jet, 278. crisis, 279. opportune, 280. pesticide, 281. develop, 282. acknowledge

283. a chemical fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
284. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
285. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
286. dis_____ge customers *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
287. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
288. campaign now un_____ay *adj.* having started and currently in progress
289. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
290. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
291. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
292. li___e for all damages *adj.* having legal responsibility for something or someone
293. coo_____ed robot system *adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

ANSWERS: 283. fertilizer, 284. accelerate, 285. transparency, 286. discourage, 287. specific, 288. underway, 289. alternative, 290. cycle, 291. lever, 292. liable, 293. coordinated

294. visual de___ts	<i>n.</i> an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
295. the f__m on a beer	<i>n.</i> a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water
296. m__e acquaintance	<i>adj.</i> used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
297. commercial j_t	<i>n.</i> a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
298. co_____te environment	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a large company
299. pi_____nt signs of manipulation	<i>v.</i> to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
300. effects of cl_____e change	<i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
301. soil con_____ion	<i>n.</i> the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
302. tra_____ncy during the trials	<i>n.</i> the condition or quality of being easy to see through
303. li_____ty insurance	<i>n.</i> a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
304. under the umbrella of cap_____sm	<i>n.</i> an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
305. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases	<i>n.</i> the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

ANSWERS: 294. defect, 295. foam, 296. mere, 297. jet, 298. corporate, 299. pinpoint, 300. climate, 301. conservation, 302. transparency, 303. liability, 304. capitalism, 305. emission

306. acc_____ed routine *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
307. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
308. di_____nt store *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
309. us_____s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
310. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
311. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
312. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
313. 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
314. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

ANSWERS: 306. accustomed, 307. stream, 308. discount, 309. useless, 310. similarly, 311. zone, 312. innovation, 313. economy, 314. lever

315. co____ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
316. a joint ve____e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
317. pr____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
318. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
319. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
320. dis____ge bacterial growth *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
321. res____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
322. as____n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
323. an eli____on tournament *n.* the act or process of removing or getting rid of something or someone
324. the ac____cy of his compass *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

ANSWERS: 315. conserve, 316. venture, 317. predict, 318. cycle, 319. enormous, 320. discourage, 321. responsible, 322. assign, 323. elimination, 324. accuracy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The farmer sprayed _____ on his crops to protect them from insects.
n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
2. The _____ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.
n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring
3. The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground _____.
n. a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
4. The economic downturn made it necessary to _____ the business.
v. to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
5. These plants thrive in hot climates with abundant _____.
n. the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
6. The _____ of the wetlands allowed for the restoration of the natural ecosystem.
n. the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away
7. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 1. pesticide, 2. venture, 3. reservoir, 4. restructure, 5. rainfall, 6. reclamation, 7. warn

8. I _____ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.
- v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
9. Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of _____.
- n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
10. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
11. The platoon experienced a full-scale _____.
- n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
12. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.
- n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
13. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
14. For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better _____.
- adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

ANSWERS: 8. presume, 9. fertilizers, 10. identify, 11. firefight, 12. investors, 13. encouraged, 14. coordinated

15. The waves crashed against the rocks, creating white _____.

n. a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water

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

adj. not expensive and able to pay

17. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

18. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

19. The people are _____ to tax.

adj. having legal responsibility for something or someone

20. _____ in the design could cause much worse issues.

n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

21. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

22. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

ANSWERS: 15. foam, 16. affordable, 17. fundamental, 18. pollution, 19. liable, 20. Defects, 21. ambitious, 22. innovation

23. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.
- v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
24. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.
- v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
25. The _____ of the water supply led to widespread illness in the community.
- n. the presence of something harmful or unwanted in a substance, material, or environment; the act of introducing harmful substances or materials into an environment or area
26. She _____ the concentrated juice with water.
- v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
27. He was proud to be a _____ of the prestigious university.
- n. (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
28. His parents tried to _____ him from becoming an artist.
- v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
29. The company employs a _____ inventory system.
- adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
30. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

ANSWERS: 23. eroded, 24. anticipate, 25. contamination, 26. diluted, 27. grad, 28. discourage, 29. perpetual, 30. Climate

31. The amount of money required was _____.

adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

32. The _____ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

33. The _____ in the thermometer had risen to the boiling point.

n. a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun

34. The doctor prescribed medication to _____ the patient's appetite.

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

35. 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

36. She has been in great _____ since she was heartbroken.

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

37. The government provided a considerable _____ to the company.

n. money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen

38. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

ANSWERS: 31. staggering, 32. extinction, 33. mercury, 34. suppress, 35. undermine, 36. distress, 37. subsidy, 38. chemical

39. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
40. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
41. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.
v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
42. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
n. something you want to do and are going to do
43. They have no _____ to win the game.
n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
44. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary
45. He lost the election by _____ votes.
adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
46. He never _____ his fault.
v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
47. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

ANSWERS: 39. progression, 40. modern, 41. sponsors, 42. intentions, 43. incentive, 44. crucial, 45. mere, 46. acknowledged, 47. consume

48. The _____ of the chemical solution weakened its strength.
- n.* the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition
49. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
50. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.
- n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
51. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
52. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.
- n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
53. To assure _____ I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.
- n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
54. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
55. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

ANSWERS: 48. dilution, 49. environment, 50. efficiency, 51. statistics, 52. forecasts, 53. accuracy, 54. specifically, 55. cancer

56. The actor's _____ gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

57. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

58. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

59. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

60. The security camera has _____ four intruders.

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

61. The food chain causes a material _____.

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

62. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

adj. of or relating to a large company

63. This project has been _____ for several years.

adj. having started and currently in progress

ANSWERS: 56. seductive, 57. foresee, 58. permanent, 59. rev, 60. detected, 61. cycle, 62. corporate, 63. underway

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

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

65. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

66. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

67. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

68. You are not _____ in your behavior.

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

69. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

70. The pandemic was a _____ business opportunity for certain companies.

adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance

71. 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

ANSWERS: 64. responsible, 65. infrastructure, 66. military, 67. fins, 68. consistent, 69. Capitalism, 70. substantial, 71. crisis

72. She departed hurriedly because of some significant _____ in their affairs.
n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
73. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
74. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
75. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
76. 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
77. Her _____ is to be a mother.
n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
78. The fruit was _____ and ready to eat.
adj. (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested
79. 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

ANSWERS: 72. urgency, 73. enormous, 74. rewards, 75. pervasive, 76. develop, 77. priority, 78. ripe, 79. embrace

80. The ____ flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.
n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
81. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
82. 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
83. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.
adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
84. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
85. 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
86. The town's main source of water is natural _____.
n. water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
87. The ____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

ANSWERS: 80. jet, 81. survival, 82. government, 83. severe, 84. confer, 85. invest, 86. groundwater, 87. fuel

88. The company is facing a potential _____ of millions of dollars due to the lawsuit.
n. a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
89. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
90. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.
v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
91. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.
adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
92. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.
v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
93. 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
94. 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
95. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 88. liability, 89. aspects, 90. assign, 91. toxic, 92. insure, 93. specific, 94. planet, 95. movement

96. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
97. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
98. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
99. 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
100. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
101. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
102. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
103. The _____ given to the new government is to improve the economy.
n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

ANSWERS: 96. nation, 97. onstage, 98. streams, 99. economy, 100. emissions, 101. strategy, 102. contaminate, 103. mandate

104. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
105. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
106. I don't want to _____ for second best.
- v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
107. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.
- adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
108. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
- n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
109. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
- v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
110. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.
- v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
111. The country has _____ oil and natural gas resources.
- adj.* present in great quantity
112. The students in the _____ group received extra support and resources to help them succeed in school.
- adj.* below the average or standard level of performance or ability; less than what is considered to be normal or satisfactory

ANSWERS: 104. consequences, 105. doom, 106. settle, 107. competitive, 108. zone, 109. accelerate, 110. implement, 111. abundant, 112. subaverage

113. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.

adv. in almost the same way

114. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

115. The _____ of his responsibility was reprehensible.

n. the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation

116. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

117. The new housing development needed an _____ from the neighboring property to build their road.

n. a legal right to use or access another person's property, typically for a specific purpose or activity, such as walking across a neighbor's land to access a nearby park

118. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

119. The shape of the DNA _____ is a double helix.

n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

120. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 113. similarly, 114. property, 115. evasion, 116. assess, 117. easement, 118. chain, 119. molecule, 120. discovery

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

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

122. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

123. I am _____ to waking up early for work.

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

124. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

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

125. _____ is the foundation of our economy.

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

126. I got a massive _____ on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

n. a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

127. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

128. The government's efforts toward disease _____ have been successful in many regions.

n. the act or process of removing or getting rid of something or someone

ANSWERS: 121. uncertain, 122. Communal, 123. accustomed, 124. predict, 125. Agriculture, 126. discount, 127. opportune, 128. elimination

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

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

130. As a _____ he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.

n. a person who pays taxes to the government

131. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

132. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

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

133. The old, rusty tools were now _____ and had to be thrown away.

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

134. He kept a ____ on his expenses by writing them down in a notebook.

n. a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill

135. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

136. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

ANSWERS: 129. alternative, 130. taxpayer, 131. persist, 132. frame, 133. useless, 134. tab, 135. pollute, 136. Emerging

137. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

138. The main discussion topic is government _____.

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

139. She is the president of a large international _____.

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

140. The president declared a state of _____.

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

141. The artist's _____ showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.

n. a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization

142. They were _____ to take any risks.

adj. not ready or wanting to do something

143. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

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

144. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

145. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

ANSWERS: 137. estimated, 138. transparency, 139. organization, 140. emergency, 141. portfolio, 142. unwilling, 143. commerce, 144. confront, 145. conserve

146. What are the _____ that he will survive?

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

147. We replaced _____ equipment to improve factory productivity.

adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

148. The _____ service was interrupted for a while.

n. a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

149. The raising of interest rates _____ the inflation rate.

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

150. He _____ his life to helping others.

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

151. This radar quickly _____ the position of the enemy.

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

152. 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

153. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

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

154. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

ANSWERS: 146. odds, 147. outdated, 148. telegraph, 149. stabilizes, 150. dedicated, 151. pinpoints, 152. conflicts, 153. balance, 154. precise

155. Industrial _____ and wind-blown debris are prime examples of pollution.

- n.* the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome

156. Her fear of dogs was _____ after a traumatic experience in childhood.

- adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

157. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.

- n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development

158. The antigovernment _____ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

- n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

159. The forest was recently designated a _____ area.

- n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

160. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

161. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.

- n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

162. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.

- n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

ANSWERS: 155. runoff, 156. ingrained, 157. phase, 158. rebellion, 159. conservation, 160. defend, 161. floods, 162. lever

ANSWERS: