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Session 1: Word List

scandal

n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

synonym: controversy, outrage, uproar

(1) **scandal** magazine, (2) a corruption **scandal**

The political **scandal** rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

counterfeit

adj. made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic

synonym: fake, false, imitation

(1) **counterfeit** document, (2) **counterfeit** money

The company hired a team of experts to identify **counterfeit** products in their supply chain.

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.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

citizenship

n. the status of being a member of a particular country

synonym: nationality, belonging, residency

(1) dual **citizenship**, (2) **citizenship** rights

Her **citizenship** application was denied due to a technical error.

possession

n. the state or fact of owning or having something

synonym: ownership, holding, control

(1) **possession** of the evidence, (2) a territorial **possession**

That painting is my **possession**, and I inherited it from my grandmother.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

synonym: dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

disgrace

n. a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something

synonym: shame, dishonor, humiliation

(1) **disgrace** our family name, (2) political **disgrace**

The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a **disgrace** to their leadership

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym: social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

self-sufficient

adj. able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others

synonym: independent, self-reliant, self-sustaining

(1) **self-sufficient** economy, (2) **self-sufficient** renewable energy

He was determined to become **self-sufficient** and not rely on anyone else.

conformity

n. the act or process of complying with rules, norms, or expectations; the state of being similar or identical in form or behavior to others in a group or society

synonym: compliance, obedience, adherence

(1) **conformity** assessment, (2) cultural **conformity**

The school emphasized **conformity** in dress code and behavior.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

cloak

n. a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

synonym: cape, mantle, shroud

(1) **cloak** room, (2) hooded **cloak**

The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his **cloak** over himself.

knapsack

n. a backpack or bag with straps that is carried over the shoulders, often used for carrying camping or hiking supplies

synonym: backpack, rucksack, haversack

(1) leather **knapsack**, (2) army **knapsack**

The soldier wore a heavy **knapsack** filled with equipment and supplies.

outdoors

adv. in or into the open air; outside a building or structure

synonym: outside, al fresco, in the open air

(1) exhausted **outdoors**, (2) sleep **outdoors**
She loves to hike **outdoors** and explore nature.

forgo

v. to give up or abstain from something; to do without something that one might be entitled to

synonym: abstain, renounce, sacrifice

(1) **forgo** dessert, (2) **forgo** the luxury

We had to **forgo** our outdoor picnic because of the sudden rain.

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

passerby

n. a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way

synonym: spectator, onlooker

(1) curious **passerby**, (2) **passerby** in the street

The police officer questioned the **passerby** for any information they had about the suspect

mock

v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

synonym: gibe (or jibe), make fun of, laugh at

(1) **mock** his accent, (2) **mock** at his misfortune

It is impolite to **mock** fun of an international student's English mistakes.

urine

n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

synonym: excrement, dung, pee

(1) **urine** composition, (2) blood in the **urine**
They collected a **urine** specimen for urinalysis.

masturbation

n. the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release

synonym: onanism

(1) manual **masturbation**, (2) the act of **masturbation**
Many physicians agree that the practice of **masturbation** is a natural and healthy way to explore and take pleasure in one's body.

bark

n. the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

synonym: skin, husk, crust

(1) trees with rough **bark**, (2) **bark** at the moon
He removed the **bark** from the tree.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym: affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other
His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness
The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**
The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

cynicism

n. a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

synonym : distrust, skepticism, pessimism

(1) **cynicism** towards politics, (2) intellectual **cynicism**

His constant **cynicism** made it difficult for him to connect with others.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

carefree

adj. without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints

synonym: light-hearted, carefree, easygoing

(1) **carefree** attitude, (2) **carefree** vacation

I miss the **carefree** days of my childhood when I didn't have to worry about anything.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

sunshine

n. the direct light and heat that comes from the sun

synonym: sunlight, daylight, rays

(1) warm **sunshine**, (2) morning **sunshine**

The **sunshine** was so bright that I had to wear sunglasses to protect my eyes.

adherent

n. a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something

synonym: follower, supporter, believer

(1) an **adherent** of the ideology, (2) non- **adherent** cell
He was a devout **adherent** of the religion.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan
She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

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.

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?

charitable

adj. giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity

synonym : generous, helping, giving

(1) **charitable** organizations, (2) **charitable** deeds

He is always **charitable** to the poor.

province

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

synonym : area, section, region

(1) Bengal **province**, (2) home **province**

A network of railways has developed over the **province**.

satirist

n. a writer or artist who uses humor, irony, or exaggeration to expose and criticize people's stupidity or vices, often in the form of satire

synonym : ironist, humorist, caricaturist

(1) famous **satirist**, (2) political **satirist**

The **satirist's** biting commentary on corporate greed made him a hero among activists.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym : rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

materialistic

adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

synonym : worldly, consumerist, acquisitive

(1) **materialistic** lifestyle, (2) **materialistic** values

Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a **materialistic** goal.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior
The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

hypocrite

n. a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way

synonym: pretender, two-faced, insincere

(1) environmental **hypocrite**, (2) religious **hypocrite**

She accused her boss of being a **hypocrite** for advocating for workers' rights while mistreating his employees.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

synonym: adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

critic

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

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

worthwhile

adj. having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

synonym: valuable, rewarding, significant

(1) **worthwhile** investment, (2) **worthwhile** endeavor

Volunteering for a **worthwhile** cause is important for building a sense of community.

groundwork

n. the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something

synonym: foundation, base, cornerstone

(1) **groundwork** foundation, (2) **groundwork** study

They laid the **groundwork** for the new project by conducting thorough research.

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.

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym: sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

self-interest

n. the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

synonym: selfishness, selfhood, egocentricity

(1) unaffected by **self-interest**, (2) material **self-interest**

The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by **self-interest**.

claim

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

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

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

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

motive

n. the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way

synonym: reason, incentive, drive

(1) murder **motive**, (2) an unworthy **motive**

The detective tried to uncover the **motive** behind the crime.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym : bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

marketplace

n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

synonym : bazaar, mart, emporium

(1) **marketplace** competition, (2) global **marketplace**

The online **marketplace** offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

lantern

n. a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

synonym : lamp, beacon, flashlight

(1) candle **lantern**, (2) a **lantern** in the dark

The paper-covered **lantern** glowed softly in the darkness.

vain

adj. having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful

synonym : conceited, narcissistic, egotistic

(1) **vain** hope, (2) **vain** pursuit

He is in **vain** searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
synonym : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily
He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
synonym : announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law
The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

valuation

n. an estimation of the worth or value of something
synonym : assessment, appraisal, estimation

(1) **valuation** report, (2) high **valuation**
The **valuation** of the company was estimated to be billions of dollars.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
synonym : chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force
Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**
Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

platonic

adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

synonym : nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love
His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
synonym :

common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym : otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

here-and-now

adj. focused on the present moment rather than dwelling on the past or future; characterized by a direct, pragmatic approach to problem-solving or decision-making

synonym : present, immediate, current

(1) **here-and-now** experience, (2) **here-and-now** focus

The therapist encouraged her patient to stay in the **here-and-now** and not dwell on the past.

hippie

n. a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values

synonym : bohemian, beatnik, free spirit

(1) **hippie** lifestyle, (2) **hippie** music

The fashion of the **hippie** movement included unconventional clothing such as tie-dye shirts and bell-bottom jeans.

rebel

n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

synonym : insurgent, dissenter, mutineer

(1) **rebel** uprising, (2) group of **rebels**

The **rebels** fought against the government for their independence.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym : accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a

resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

incarnation

n. the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something

synonym: embodiment, personification, avatar

(1) former **incarnation**, (2) **incarnation** of stupidity

The novel is an **incarnation** of the author's experiences and imagination.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------|--|
| 1. m__k at his misfortune | <i>v.</i> to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way |
| 2. cor_____le officials | <i>adj.</i> capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral |
| 3. intellectual cy_____sm | <i>n.</i> a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest |
| 4. get a con_____nal loan | <i>adj.</i> based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc. |
| 5. blood in the ur__e | <i>n.</i> a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate |
| 6. industrial ren_____ce | <i>n.</i> a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music |
| 7. cl__k room | <i>n.</i> a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise |
| 8. political di_____ce | <i>n.</i> a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something |

ANSWERS: 1. mock, 2. corruptible, 3. cynicism, 4. conventional, 5. urine, 6. Renaissance, 7. cloak, 8. disgrace

9. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
10. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
11. hi___e lifestyle *n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values
12. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
13. morning su_____ne *n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
14. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
15. st_____rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
16. famous sa_____st *n.* a writer or artist who uses humor, irony, or exaggeration to expose and criticize people's stupidity or vices, often in the form of satire

ANSWERS: 9. spiritual, 10. argue, 11. hippie, 12. admire, 13. sunshine, 14. stick, 15. stubborn, 16. satirist

35. candle la____n *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
36. her_____now experience *adj.* focused on the present moment rather than dwelling on the past or future; characterized by a direct, pragmatic approach to problem-solving or decision-making
37. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
38. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
39. warm su_____ne *n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
40. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
41. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
42. a corruption sc_____l *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
43. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

ANSWERS: 35. lantern, 36. here-and-now, 37. spiritual, 38. reject, 39. sunshine, 40. abstract, 41. tease, 42. scandal, 43. dominant

44. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
45. so_____al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
46. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
47. v__n hope *adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
48. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
49. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
50. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
51. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
52. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
53. cou_____it money *adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic

ANSWERS: 44. reimagine, 45. societal, 46. exile, 47. vain, 48. reputation, 49. blind, 50. abstract, 51. symbol, 52. strip, 53. counterfeit

54. gro_____rk study *n.* the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something
55. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
56. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
57. mat_____tic values *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
58. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
59. re__l uprising *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
60. mar_____ce competition *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
61. b__k at the moon *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
62. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
63. va_____on report *n.* an estimation of the worth or value of something

ANSWERS: 54. groundwork, 55. settle, 56. stick, 57. materialistic, 58. modern, 59. rebel, 60. marketplace, 61. bark, 62. cynical, 63. valuation

64. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
65. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
66. cultural con_____ty *n.* the act or process of complying with rules, norms, or expectations; the state of being similar or identical in form or behavior to others in a group or society
67. manual mas_____ion *n.* the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release
68. cha_____le organizations *adj.* giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
69. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
70. in___t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
71. cha_____le deeds *adj.* giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
72. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
73. con_____ty assessment *n.* the act or process of complying with rules, norms, or expectations; the state of being similar or identical in form or behavior to others in a group or society

ANSWERS: 64. reimagine, 65. wealth, 66. conformity, 67. masturbation, 68. charitable, 69. odds, 70. insult, 71. charitable, 72. universal, 73. conformity

74. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
75. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
76. wor_____le investment *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
77. dual cit_____ip *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
78. ur__e composition *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
79. ri__l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
80. a territorial pos_____on *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
81. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
82. leather kn_____ck *n.* a backpack or bag with straps that is carried over the shoulders, often used for carrying camping or hiking supplies

ANSWERS: 74. insight, 75. reputation, 76. worthwhile, 77. citizenship, 78. urine, 79. rival, 80. possession, 81. principle, 82. knapsack

83. murder mo___e *n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way
84. sleep ou____rs *adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
85. wa___r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
86. sh____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
87. non-ad____nt cell *n.* a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something
88. global mar____ce *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
89. artistic ren____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
90. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
91. sc____l magazine *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
92. cor____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
93. home pr____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

ANSWERS: 83. motive, 84. outdoors, 85. wander, 86. shadowy, 87. adherent, 88. marketplace, 89. Renaissance, 90. bunch, 91. scandal, 92. corruptible, 93. province

94. cy____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
95. exhausted ou____rs *adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
96. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
97. a reckless at____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
98. se____e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
99. army kn____ck *n.* a backpack or bag with straps that is carried over the shoulders, often used for carrying camping or hiking supplies
100. cy____sm towards politics *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
101. pr____h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
102. political sa____st *n.* a writer or artist who uses humor, irony, or exaggeration to expose and criticize people's stupidity or vices, often in the form of satire
103. fo__o the luxury *v.* to give up or abstain from something; to do without something that one might be entitled to

ANSWERS: 94. cynical, 95. outdoors, 96. Christ, 97. attempt, 98. settle, 99. knapsack, 100. cynicism, 101. preach, 102. satirist, 103. forgo

104. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
105. former inc_____on *n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
106. pos_____on of the evidence *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
107. unaffected by sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
108. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
109. wor_____le endeavor *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
110. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
111. sh_____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
112. her_____now focus *adj.* focused on the present moment rather than dwelling on the past or future; characterized by a direct, pragmatic approach to problem-solving or decision-making
113. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 104. critic, 105. incarnation, 106. possession, 107. self-interest, 108. argue, 109. worthwhile, 110. survive, 111. shadowy, 112. here-and-now, 113. insight

114. hi___e music *n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values
115. the degree of pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
116. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
117. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
118. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
119. so_____al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
120. group of re__ls *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
121. inc_____on of stupidity *n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
122. merge with a ri__l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
123. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

ANSWERS: 114. hippie, 115. purity, 116. philosophy, 117. desire, 118. reject, 119. societal, 120. rebel, 121. incarnation, 122. rival, 123. quo

124. sel_____ent economy *adj.* able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others
125. cit_____ip rights *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
126. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
127. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
128. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
129. gro_____rk foundation *n.* the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something
130. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
131. a la_____n in the dark *n.* a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source
132. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
133. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
134. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
135. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

ANSWERS: 124. self-sufficient, 125. citizenship, 126. desire, 127. symbol, 128. promote, 129. groundwork, 130. critic, 131. lantern, 132. proclaim, 133. decide, 134. fundamental, 135. proclaim

136. the at____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
137. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
138. a con_____nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
139. sel_____ent renewable energy *adj.* able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others
140. ca_____ee vacation *adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints
141. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
142. pl_____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
143. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
144. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
145. pa_____by in the street *n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
146. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 136. attempt, 137. dominant, 138. conventional, 139. self-sufficient, 140. carefree, 141. admire, 142. platonic, 143. philosophy, 144. eventually, 145. passerby, 146. modern

147. m__k his accent *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
148. an intentional in__t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
149. pr__h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
150. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
151. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
152. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
153. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
154. an unworthy mo___e *n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way
155. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
156. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 147. mock, 148. insult, 149. preach, 150. approve, 151. reform, 152. claim, 153. approve, 154. motive, 155. fundamental, 156. principle

157. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
158. an ad_____nt of the ideology *n.* a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something
159. high pu____y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
160. ca_____ee attitude *adj.* without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints
161. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
162. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
163. economic re____m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
164. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
165. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 157. quo, 158. adherent, 159. purity, 160. carefree, 161. wealth, 162. exile, 163. reform, 164. adopt, 165. promote

166. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
167. hooded cl__k *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
168. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
169. artificial cr____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
170. st____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
171. pl____ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
172. cou____it document *adj.* made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic
173. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
174. v__n pursuit *adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
175. curious pa____by *n.* a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way

ANSWERS: 166. odds, 167. cloak, 168. wander, 169. creature, 170. stubborn, 171. platonic, 172. counterfeit, 173. adopt, 174. vain, 175. passerby

176. fo__o dessert v. to give up or abstain from something; to do without something that one might be entitled to
177. the act of mas_____ion n. the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release
178. principles of un_____al design adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
179. eve_____ly succeed adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
180. su_____e a blizzard v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
181. di_____ce our family name n. a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
182. material sel_____est n. the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

ANSWERS: 176. forgo, 177. masturbation, 178. universal, 179. eventually, 180. survive, 181. disgrace, 182. self-interest

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

2. What are the _____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

3. This ad is intended to _____ a competing product.
v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

4. She accused her boss of being a _____ for advocating for workers' rights while mistreating his employees.
n. a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way

5. Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a _____ goal.
adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

6. The therapist encouraged her patient to stay in the _____ and not dwell on the past.
adj. focused on the present moment rather than dwelling on the past or future; characterized by a direct, pragmatic approach to problem-solving or decision-making

ANSWERS: 1. settle, 2. odds, 3. tease, 4. hypocrite, 5. materialistic, 6. here-and-now

7. The _____ biting commentary on corporate greed made him a hero among activists.
- n.* a writer or artist who uses humor, irony, or exaggeration to expose and criticize people's stupidity or vices, often in the form of satire
8. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
9. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.
- v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
10. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
11. The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his _____ over himself.
- n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
12. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.
- adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
13. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 7. satirist's, 8. promote, 9. approve, 10. claim, 11. cloak, 12. cynical, 13. desire

14. She loves to hike _____ and explore nature.
adv. in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
15. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
16. Her _____ application was denied due to a technical error.
n. the status of being a member of a particular country
17. It is impolite to _____ fun of an international student's English mistakes.
v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
18. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
19. The police officer questioned the _____ for any information they had about the suspect
n. a person who is walking by or happens to be in the vicinity of a particular place or event, often without necessarily being involved in it in any way
20. The _____ was so bright that I had to wear sunglasses to protect my eyes.
n. the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
21. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 14. outdoors, 15. exiled, 16. citizenship, 17. mock, 18. reform, 19. passerby, 20. sunshine, 21. symbol

22. The soldier wore a heavy _____ filled with equipment and supplies.
n. a backpack or bag with straps that is carried over the shoulders, often used for carrying camping or hiking supplies
23. His constant _____ made it difficult for him to connect with others.
n. a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
24. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
25. The company hired a team of experts to identify _____ products in their supply chain.
adj. made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic
26. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
27. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
28. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
29. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.
v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

ANSWERS: 22. knapsack, 23. cynicism, 24. eventually, 25. counterfeit, 26. proclaimed, 27. preached, 28. renaissance, 29. strip

30. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

31. The online _____ offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

32. Volunteering for a _____ cause is important for building a sense of community.

adj. having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

33. He is always _____ to the poor.

adj. giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity

34. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

35. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

36. The novel is an _____ of the author's experiences and imagination.

n. the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something

37. They collected a _____ specimen for urinalysis.

n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

ANSWERS: 30. abstract, 31. marketplace, 32. worthwhile, 33. charitable, 34. bunch, 35. purity, 36. incarnation, 37. urine

38. The school emphasized _____ in dress code and behavior.
- n.* the act or process of complying with rules, norms, or expectations; the state of being similar or identical in form or behavior to others in a group or society
39. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
40. A network of railways has developed over the _____.
- n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
41. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.
- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
42. They laid the _____ for the new project by conducting thorough research.
- n.* the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something
43. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
44. That painting is my _____ and I inherited it from my grandmother.
- n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
45. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
- v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
46. The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by _____.
- n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

ANSWERS: 38. conformity, 39. philosophy, 40. province, 41. quo, 42. groundwork, 43. survive, 44. possession, 45. reimagine, 46. self-interest

47. His relationship with her was completely _____.

adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

48. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

49. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

50. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

51. He removed the _____ from the tree.

n. the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

52. The detective tried to uncover the _____ behind the crime.

n. the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way

53. He is in _____ searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.

adj. having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful

54. Her company soon won a _____ market share.

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

ANSWERS: 47. platonic, 48. corruptible, 49. stubborn, 50. Christmas, 51. bark, 52. motive, 53. vain, 54. dominant

55. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
56. He was determined to become _____ and not rely on anyone else.
adj. able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others
57. The _____ of the company was estimated to be billions of dollars.
n. an estimation of the worth or value of something
58. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
59. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
60. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
61. The fashion of the _____ movement included unconventional clothing such as tie-dye shirts and bell-bottom jeans.
n. a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values
62. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

ANSWERS: 55. reputation, 56. self-sufficient, 57. valuation, 58. universal, 59. stick, 60. wealth, 61. hippie, 62. rejected

63. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

64. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

65. His business _____ took him to the United States.

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

66. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

67. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

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

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

69. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

70. We had to _____ our outdoor picnic because of the sudden rain.

v. to give up or abstain from something; to do without something that one might be entitled to

ANSWERS: 63. conventional, 64. fundamental, 65. commitments, 66. wander, 67. insult, 68. argue, 69. admire, 70. forgo

71. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
72. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
73. He was ____ with joy to see the results.
adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
74. He was a devout _____ of the religion.
n. a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something
75. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
adj. relating to society or social relationships
76. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.
adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
77. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
78. The political _____ rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.
n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

ANSWERS: 71. adopted, 72. modern, 73. mad, 74. adherent, 75. societal, 76. spiritual, 77. decide, 78. scandal

79. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

80. The paper-covered _____ glowed softly in the darkness.

n. a portable source of lighting, typically featuring a protective enclosure for the light source

81. The _____ fought against the government for their independence.

n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

82. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

83. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

84. I miss the _____ days of my childhood when I didn't have to worry about anything.

adj. without worries or concerns; free from anxiety, responsibility, or constraints

85. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

86. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

ANSWERS: 79. creature, 80. lantern, 81. rebels, 82. shadowy, 83. insights, 84. carefree, 85. rivals, 86. blind

87. Many physicians agree that the practice of _____ is a natural and healthy way to explore and take pleasure in one's body.
- n.* the act of sexually stimulating oneself by touching or rubbing one's genitals, typically resulting in orgasm or sexual release
88. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
89. The third _____ was far more successful.
- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
90. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
91. The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a _____ to their leadership
- n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something

ANSWERS: 87. masturbation, 88. principle, 89. attempt, 90. critics, 91. disgrace