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Session 1: Word List

conservationist

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

synonym : environmentalist

(1) wildlife **conservationist**, (2) dedicated **conservationist**

The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for **conservationists**.

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**.

mainstay

n. a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else

synonym : support, anchor, foundation

(1) the **mainstay** of the community, (2) country's **mainstay**

The company's **mainstay** product was a household appliance that was popular with consumers.

abysmal

adj. extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable

synonym : dreadful, terrible, appalling

(1) **abysmal** performance, (2) **abysmal** living conditions
The company's **abysmal** sales performance led to layoffs and budget cuts.

overfishing

n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

synonym: overharvesting, over-exploitation, depletion

(1) **overfishing** crisis, (2) **overfishing** ban

The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by **overfishing**, causing many species to become endangered.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

reversible

adj. capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone

synonym: invertible, changeable, undoable

(1) **reversible** decision, (2) **reversible** fabrics

The jacket is **reversible** so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.

equator

n. an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)

(1) south of the **equator**, (2) above the **equator**

Ecuador is on the **equator**.

misnomer

n. a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming

synonym: misnaming, misapplication, inaccuracy

(1) a **misnomer** for the term, (2) technical **misnomer**

The name "killer whale" is a **misnomer** as they rarely attack humans.

indiscriminate

adj. done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless

synonym : random, haphazard, eclectic

(1) **indiscriminate** violence, (2) **indiscriminate** use of force

The **indiscriminate** spraying of pesticides is harmful to both the environment and people's health.

wrought

adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

synonym : made, produced, created

(1) well- **wrought** steel, (2) tragedy **wrought** by hurricane

He won an award for his photographs of the ruins **wrought** by the war.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

trawl

v. to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information

synonym : fish, dredge, drag

(1) **trawl** the Internet for free music, (2) **trawl** for fish

The fisherman used a net to **trawl** the bottom of the river for his catch.

rapacious

adj. aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature

synonym : greedy, predatory, acquisitive

(1) **rapacious** appetite, (2) **rapacious** behavior

The **rapacious** CEO made millions while exploiting his workers.

mesmerize

v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

synonym: captivate, trance, enchant

(1) **mesmerize** a subject, (2) **mesmerize** with magic

The magician's performance **mesmerized** the audience.

replenish

v. to fill something that had previously been emptied

synonym: refill, reload, restock

(1) **replenish** a reserve fund, (2) **replenish** my spirit

Please **replenish** my glass with some more wine.

earnest

adj. characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

synonym: sincere, serious, genuine

(1) **earnest** attempt, (2) **earnest** conversation

He spoke in an **earnest** tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym: amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional

community

synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

octopus

n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

synonym: devilfish

(1) giant **octopus**, (2) venomous **octopus**

He experienced nausea after eating live **octopus**.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

deplete

v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

synonym: exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

lifeline

n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

synonym: savior, support, safety net

(1) **lifeline** support, (2) emotional **lifeline**

My best friend has been my **lifeline** throughout all of my hardships.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

poach

v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

synonym: steal, snatch

(1) **poach** on his land, (2) **poach** deer

The chef **poached** the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

coastline

n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea

synonym: shoreline, seashore, beach

(1) **coastline** erosion, (2) deeply indented **coastline**

The new resort was built along the **coastline**, offering stunning ocean views from every room.

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.

spur

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

synonym : encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym : ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

astonishment

n. a feeling of very great surprise

synonym : wonder, surprise, amazement

(1) blink in **astonishment**, (2) struck with **astonishment**

They stood rooted in **astonishment** for a while.

evangelist

n. a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching

synonym : preacher, missionary, revivalist

(1) television **evangelist**, (2) technology **evangelist**

The religious **evangelist** traveled the world, spreading the gospel and winning converts.

unimaginable

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

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

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

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

mackerel

n. a type of saltwater fish commonly eaten as food, known for its oily flesh and distinctively striped appearance

(1) blue **mackerel**, (2) fresh **mackerel**

Many people enjoy grilled **mackerel** as a delicious and healthy meal option.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym : collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

grotesque

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

synonym : bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance

The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym : bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

agile

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym : nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements

The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym : promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required
I need to send this email **urgently**.

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.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

austerity

n. the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

synonym : frugality, nonindulgence, rigor

(1) impose **austerity**, (2) economic **austerity**

The government's **austerity** measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.

alienation

n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

synonym : estrangement, separation, detachment

(1) human **alienation**, (2) international **alienation**

His feelings of **alienation** from society led to depression.

acidification

n. the act or process of becoming acid or making something become acid

(1) **acidification** of soil, (2) stream **acidification**

Ocean **acidification** leads to a decrease in tiny sea snails.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym: drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

Session 2: Spelling

1. me_____ze with magic *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
2. un____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
3. ea_____t attempt *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
4. s__r a momentum of economic growth *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
5. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
6. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
7. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
8. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
9. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
10. s__r of the moment *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. mesmerize, 2. unfold, 3. earnest, 4. spur, 5. catastrophic, 6. catastrophic, 7. villager, 8. ancestor, 9. ancestor, 10. spur

11. rev_____le decision *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
12. tr__l for fish *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
13. li_____ne support *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
14. me_____ze a subject *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
15. venomous oc_____s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
16. wildlife con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
17. blink in ast_____ent *n.* a feeling of very great surprise
18. de_____e customer confidence *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
19. po__h deer *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

ANSWERS: 11. reversible, 12. trawl, 13. lifeline, 14. mesmerize, 15. octopus, 16. conservationist, 17. astonishment, 18. deplete, 19. poach

20. struck with ast_____ent *n.* a feeling of very great surprise
21. rev_____le fabrics *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
22. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
23. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
24. re_____sh a reserve fund *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
25. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
26. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
27. pr____l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
28. tr__l the Internet for free music *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
29. r__p crops *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
30. ab_____l performance *adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable

ANSWERS: 20. astonishment, 21. reversible, 22. empower, 23. astonished, 24. replenish, 25. astonishing, 26. prioritize, 27. propel, 28. trawl, 29. reap, 30. abysmal

31. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
32. ra_____us appetite *adj.* aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature
33. ab_____l living conditions *adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable
34. well-wr_____t steel *adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
35. dedicated con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
36. po__h on his land *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
37. fresh ma_____el *n.* a type of saltwater fish commonly eaten as food, known for its oily flesh and distinctively striped appearance
38. television eva_____st *n.* a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching
39. have gr_____ue design *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
40. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

ANSWERS: 31. grandchild, 32. rapacious, 33. abysmal, 34. wrought, 35. conservationist, 36. poach, 37. mackerel, 38. evangelist, 39. grotesque, 40. astonishing

41. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
42. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
43. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
44. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
45. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
46. mo_____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
47. ma_____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
48. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
49. ra_____us behavior *adj.* aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature
50. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
51. the ma_____ay of the community *n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else

ANSWERS: 41. astonished, 42. resilient, 43. villager, 44. unfold, 45. soar, 46. mosquito, 47. mangrove, 48. soar, 49. rapacious, 50. opportune, 51. mainstay

52. human ali_____on *n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
53. impose au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
54. blue ma_____el *n.* a type of saltwater fish commonly eaten as food, known for its oily flesh and distinctively striped appearance
55. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
56. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
57. ove_____ng crisis *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
58. de_____e glycogen stores *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
59. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
60. r__p the benefits *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

ANSWERS: 52. alienation, 53. austerity, 54. mackerel, 55. empower, 56. unimaginable, 57. overfishing, 58. deplete, 59. grandchild, 60. reap

61. gr_____ue appearance *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
62. cap_____ze on an interest *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
63. aci_____ion of soil *n.* the act or process of becoming acid or making something become acid
64. international ali_____on *n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
65. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
66. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
67. technology eva_____st *n.* a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching
68. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
69. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
70. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 61. grotesque, 62. capitalize, 63. acidification, 64. alienation, 65. reimagine, 66. resilient, 67. evangelist, 68. paradox, 69. outlaw, 70. prioritize

71. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
72. mo_____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
73. ur_____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
74. technical mi_____er *n.* a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
75. deeply indented co_____ne *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
76. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
77. an ag__e mind *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
78. economic au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
79. stream aci_____ion *n.* the act or process of becoming acid or making something become acid

ANSWERS: 71. improvisation, 72. mosquito, 73. urgently, 74. misnomer, 75. coastline, 76. improvisation, 77. agile, 78. austerity, 79. acidification

80. ove_____ng ban *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
81. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
82. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
83. tackle the problem ur_____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
84. giant oc_____s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
85. ea_____t conversation *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
86. co_____ne erosion *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
87. above the eq_____r *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
88. sta_____ng number *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
89. pr_____l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

ANSWERS: 80. overfishing, 81. reshape, 82. paradox, 83. urgently, 84. octopus, 85. earnest, 86. coastline, 87. equator, 88. staggering, 89. propel

90. ind_____ate use of force *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
91. tragedy wr_____t by hurricane *adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
92. south of the eq_____r *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
93. ou____w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
94. re_____sh my spirit *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
95. ag__e in his movements *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
96. a sta_____ng defeat *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
97. country's ma_____ay *n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
98. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
99. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
100. ind_____ate violence *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless

ANSWERS: 90. indiscriminate, 91. wrought, 92. equator, 93. outlaw, 94. replenish, 95. agile, 96. staggering, 97. mainstay, 98. capitalize, 99. unimaginable, 100. indiscriminate

101. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
102. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
103. ma_____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
104. emotional li_____ne *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
105. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
106. a mi_____er for the term *n.* a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming

ANSWERS: 101. reimagine, 102. reshape, 103. mangrove, 104. lifeline, 105. opportune, 106. misnomer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ CEO made millions while exploiting his workers.
adj. aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature

2. The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by _____ causing many species to become endangered.
n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

3. He spoke in an _____ tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.
adj. characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

4. The new resort was built along the _____ offering stunning ocean views from every room.
n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea

5. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.
adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

6. My best friend has been my _____ throughout all of my hardships.
n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

7. Many people enjoy grilled _____ as a delicious and healthy meal option.
n. a type of saltwater fish commonly eaten as food, known for its oily flesh and distinctively striped appearance

ANSWERS: 1. rapacious, 2. overfishing, 3. earnest, 4. coastline, 5. catastrophic, 6. lifeline, 7. mackerel

8. The threat of losing his job was the _____ he needed to work harder.
n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
9. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.
n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
11. The chef _____ the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.
v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
12. He experienced nausea after eating live _____.
n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
13. The amount of money required was _____.
adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
14. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.
v. to change the form or structure of something
15. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 8. spur, 9. opportune, 10. mosquitos, 11. poached, 12. octopus, 13. staggering, 14. reshaped, 15. unfolded

16. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
17. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
18. The name "killer whale" is a _____ as they rarely attack humans.
n. a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
19. There are many theories to explain this _____.
n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
20. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
21. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
22. The _____ development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.
adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
23. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
24. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

ANSWERS: 16. soared, 17. reimagine, 18. misnomer, 19. paradox, 20. ancestor, 21. improvisation, 22. agile, 23. grandchild, 24. propel

25. The _____ sculpture made me feel uneasy.

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

26. The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for _____.

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

27. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

28. The religious _____ traveled the world, spreading the gospel and winning converts.

n. a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching

29. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.

adj. extremely surprised and upset

30. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

31. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

32. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

ANSWERS: 25. grotesque, 26. conservationists, 27. prioritized, 28. evangelist, 29. astonished, 30. outlaw, 31. capitalize, 32. astonishing

33. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.
- n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
34. The jacket is _____ so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.
- adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
35. Please _____ my glass with some more wine.
- v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
36. Ocean _____ leads to a decrease in tiny sea snails.
- n.* the act or process of becoming acid or making something become acid
37. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
- adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
38. They stood rooted in _____ for a while.
- n.* a feeling of very great surprise
39. If we continue to _____ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.
- v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
40. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 33. villagers, 34. reversible, 35. replenish, 36. acidification, 37. unimaginable, 38. astonishment, 39. deplete, 40. resilient

41. He _____ a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.
- v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
42. His feelings of _____ from society led to depression.
- n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
43. The company's _____ product was a household appliance that was popular with consumers.
- n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
44. The government's _____ measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.
- n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
45. Ecuador is on the _____.
- n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
46. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
47. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.
- n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

ANSWERS: 41. reaped, 42. alienation, 43. mainstay, 44. austerity, 45. equator, 46. empowered, 47. mangrove

48. He won an award for his photographs of the ruins _____ by the war.

adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

49. The magician's performance _____ the audience.

v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

50. The _____ spraying of pesticides is harmful to both the environment and people's health.

adj. done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless

51. The fisherman used a net to _____ the bottom of the river for his catch.

v. to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information

52. The company's _____ sales performance led to layoffs and budget cuts.

adj. extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable

53. I need to send this email _____.

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

ANSWERS: 48. wrought, 49. mesmerized, 50. indiscriminate, 51. trawl, 52. abysmal, 53. urgently