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Session 1: Word List

bishop

n. a high-ranking member of the Christian clergy who holds spiritual and administrative authority over a geographic region or diocese; a chess piece that moves diagonally and is marked with a symbol resembling a bishop's hat

synonym : clergyman, pastor, priest

(1) **bishop** hat, (2) **bishop's** sermon on forgiveness

The **bishop's** palace was located near the cathedral.

governor

n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

synonym : administrator, executive, leader

(1) **governor** general, (2) a prefectural **governor**

The state **governor** visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym : discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

militia

n. a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs

synonym : reserves

(1) **militia** groups, (2) armed **militia**

Militia suddenly occupied the presidential palace.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym : friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

accusation

n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

synonym : charge, indictment, imputation

(1) criminal **accusation**, (2) false **accusation**

The **accusation** of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

witchcraft

n. the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices

synonym : sorcery, magic, wizardry

(1) **witchcraft** belief, (2) the power of **witchcraft**

Many people were accused of **witchcraft** during the Salem Witch Trials in the late 1600s.

prominent

adj. important, well-known, or noticeable

synonym : notable, distinguished, prominent

(1) **prominent** figure, (2) play a **prominent** role

The media frequently interviewed **prominent** scientists.

mathematics

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

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

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

competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

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**.

adviser

n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject

synonym: consultant, guide, expert

(1) a medical **adviser**, (2) chief **adviser**

After retiring, he continued to be an **adviser** to politicians.

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

synonym: argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

mythical

adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination

synonym: mythological, fictitious, legendary

(1) **mythical** heroes, (2) **mythical** world

Many cultures have their **mythical** creatures and legends.

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.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from

existing music.

renowned

adj. famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.

synonym: noted, prominent, acclaimed

(1) a **renowned** artist, (2) **renowned** as a novelist

This area is **renowned** for its hot springs.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym: adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people

I am here to save my **beloved**.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

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

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

downfall

n. a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

synonym: demise, collapse, ruin

(1) a **downfall** earthquake, (2) **downfall** government

The company's financial mismanagement was the **downfall** of the once-successful business.

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**.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
synonym: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya
He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

accomplished

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

synonym: achieved, finished, completed

(1) **accomplished** at a very early age, (2) **accomplished** goal

She felt **accomplished** after finishing her book.

astronomer

n. a physicist who studies astronomy

synonym: stargazer, cosmologist, astrophysicist

(1) amateur **astronomer**, (2) solar **astronomer**

This question has fascinated solar **astronomers** for decades.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym: knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

foremost

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

synonym : leading, primary, first

(1) **foremost** expert, (2) keep **foremost** in mind

The **foremost** priority is the safety of the passengers.

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**.

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.

refined

adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

synonym : cultured, purified, tasteful

(1) adopt a **refined** attitude, (2) a lot of **refined** sugar

She was highly **refined** in her choice of apparel.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym: productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

division

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym: branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym: occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

merge

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

synonym: combine, join, coalesce

(1) **merge** into a new party, (2) **merge** those systems into a new one

This consulting firm decided to **merge** the two companies into one.

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.

aspect

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

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

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

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

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

arithmetic

n. the branch of mathematics that deals with numbers and numerical calculations, particularly the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division

synonym: computation, calculation, math

(1) decimal **arithmetic**, (2) mental **arithmetic**

The abacus is an ancient counting device that was used for **arithmetic** calculations.

geometry

n. the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces

(1) Euclidean **geometry**, (2) spherical **geometry**

The mathematician pioneered fractal **geometry**.

astronomy

n. the scientific study of objects and matter outside the Earth's atmosphere, especially the positions, motions, and evolution of celestial bodies

synonym: astrophysics, stargazing, cosmology

(1) **astronomy** science, (2) a branch of **astronomy**

He had a deep passion for extragalactic **astronomy** and spent hours observing the night sky.

mere

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

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

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

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

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym : purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

utility

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

synonym : usefulness, practicality, utility

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

authenticate

v. to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true

synonym : confirm, validate, verify

(1) **authenticate** documents, (2) **authenticate** software license

The security system requires users to **authenticate** their identity before gaining access.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

universe

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

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

algebra

n. a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers

synonym : calculus

(1) **algebra** calculation, (2) strong in **algebra**

His classmates were laboring with advanced **algebra**.

formula

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

synonym : expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

geometric

adj. relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)

synonym : mathematical, symmetrical, regular

(1) a **geometric** proof, (2) **geometric** pattern

The **geometric** shapes and patterns in the artwork are visually stunning.

orbit

n. the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity.

synonym : path, course, trajectory

(1) the **orbit** of the moon, (2) a planetary **orbit**

The rocket engine is used to put the satellite into **orbit**.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

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

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

harmonious

adj. characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

synonym: concordant, consistent, melodious

(1) **harmonious** relationship, (2) **harmonious** blend

The painting's **harmonious** composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

interval

n. a period between two events or times; a short break or pause

synonym: break, gap, intermission

(1) after an **interval** of pause, (2) at regular **intervals**

For the analysis **interval**, the system remains at a standstill state.

cosmic

adj. relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless

synonym: astronomical, celestial, outer-space

(1) second **cosmic** velocity, (2) **cosmic** background radiation

Cosmic rays are high-energy particles that originate from outside the solar system.

stud

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with

studs for support

synonym: beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

delve

v. to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

synonym: dig, excavate, uncover

(1) **delve** deeper, (2) **delve** into documents

Researchers must **delve** into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

pagan

n. a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions

synonym: atheist, polytheist, agnostic

(1) **pagan** sites, (2) **pagan** belief

The temple was built by ancient **pagans** who worshiped multiple gods.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

worship

v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

synonym : adore, idolize

(1) **worship** god, (2) absolutely **worship**

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym : god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

viewpoint

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

synonym : outlook, stance, perspective

(1) a scientific **viewpoint**, (2) aesthetic **viewpoint**

We looked at this issue from a different **viewpoint**.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

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.

partisan

adj. biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint

synonym : biased, prejudiced, one-sided

(1) **partisan** politics, (2) bridge **partisan** differences

Her **partisan** beliefs made it difficult for her to consider opposing viewpoints.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym : nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

turmoil

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

synonym : chaos, confusion, disorder

(1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war
The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

fracture

n. the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone

synonym: break, crack, rupture

(1) **fracture** test, (2) risk of bone **fractures**

X-ray inspection revealed many **fractures**.

archbishop

n. a high-ranking bishop (= a member of the clergy) in the Christian church, typically in charge of an archdiocese and holding a position of authority over other bishops in the region

synonym: bishop, prelate, metropolitan

(1) **archbishop's** palace, (2) interim **archbishop**

The **archbishop's** sermon was a powerful message of hope and encouragement.

steady

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

synonym: stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable condition.

command

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

synonym: control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

zealous

adj. characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something

synonym: enthusiastic, passionate, fervent

(1) **zealous** supporter, (2) **zealous** advocate

The **zealous** employee always went above and beyond his job duties.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

encroach

v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

synonym: invade, impinge, infringe

(1) **encroach** on the realm, (2) **encroach** on the habitat of the animal

You have no right to **encroach** on my leisure time.

secular

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
synonym : nonreligious, materialistic, temporal

(1) **secular** trends, (2) normal **secular** life

The school was founded as a **secular** institution with no religious affiliations.

moderate

adj. being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
synonym : average, middle-of-the-road, tempered

(1) **moderate** growth, (2) **moderate** risk

He had a **moderate** understanding of the topic but needed further research.

feud

n. a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence

synonym : argument, conflict, dispute

(1) family **feud**, (2) carry out a **feud**

The retired politician resolved the **feud** between groups through mediation.

impartial

adj. not favoring one side or party over another; fair and unbiased in judgment or opinion

synonym : fair, unbiased, neutral

(1) **impartial** treatment, (2) **impartial** observer

The judge made an **impartial** decision after reviewing all the evidence.

consult

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

synonym : confer, consider, see

(1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet

Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.

restraint

n. a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement

synonym : constraint, limitation, control

(1) physical **restraint**, (2) self- **restraint**

It's important to practice **restraint** when it comes to spending money.

incite

v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

synonym : provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym : disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym : wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym: harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

dismember

v. to cut or tear the limbs or other body parts of a living or dead creature; to take apart or dismantle something in a destructive way

synonym : disjoint, mutilate, sever

(1) **dismember** a corpse, (2) **dismember** a team

The killer used a saw to **dismember** the victim's body into pieces.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

inquisition

n. a judicial or official inquiry, especially one aimed at suppressing dissent or heresy

synonym : investigation, examination, probe

(1) propose an **inquisition**, (2) submit him to an **inquisition**

The **inquisition** was a period of religious persecution in Europe.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pa__n sites
n. a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions
2. a medical ad____r
n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject
3. bi___p's sermon on forgiveness
n. a high-ranking member of the Christian clergy who holds spiritual and administrative authority over a geographic region or diocese; a chess piece that moves diagonally and is marked with a symbol resembling a bishop's hat
4. marginal ut____y
n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
5. adopt a re____d attitude
adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
6. cloistered m__k
n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
7. in_____ce the daily life
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 1. pagan, 2. adviser, 3. bishop, 4. utility, 5. refined, 6. monk, 7. influence

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| 8. my_____al heroes | <i>adj.</i> based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination |
| 9. a binomial fo_____a | <i>n.</i> a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement |
| 10. con_____ary leaders | <i>adj.</i> belonging to the same or present time |
| 11. be_____d author | <i>adj.</i> loved very much |
| 12. attempted mu____r | <i>n.</i> the crime of killing somebody intentionally |
| 13. at regular in_____als | <i>n.</i> a period between two events or times; a short break or pause |
| 14. ef_____nt operation | <i>adj.</i> performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials |
| 15. a fatal in____y | <i>n.</i> harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack |
| 16. Je____h history | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism |
| 17. en_____ch on the habitat of the animal | <i>v.</i> to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc. |
| 18. against tr_____on | <i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society |

ANSWERS: 8. mythical, 9. formula, 10. contemporary, 11. beloved, 12. murder, 13. interval, 14. efficient, 15. injury, 16. Jewish, 17. encroach, 18. tradition

19. br___l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
20. regularly co_____t with a doctor *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
21. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
22. Euclidean ge_____ry *n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
23. after an in_____al of pause *n.* a period between two events or times; a short break or pause
24. nontechnical as_____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
25. risk of bone fr_____res *n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
26. de__e into documents *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
27. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
28. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 19. brutal, 20. consult, 21. develop, 22. geometry, 23. interval, 24. aspect, 25. fracture, 26. delve, 27. riot, 28. spirit

29. solar ast_____er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
30. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
31. aut_____ate documents *v.* to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true
32. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
33. a legal di_____e over the title *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
34. br___l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel
35. pa_____an politics *adj.* biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint
36. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
37. in___e rebellion *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

ANSWERS: 29. astronomer, 30. accuse, 31. authenticate, 32. philosophy, 33. dispute, 34. brutal, 35. partisan, 36. philosophy, 37. incite

38. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
39. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
40. di_____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
41. sc_____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
42. second co___c velocity *adj.* relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
43. structural fo_____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
44. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
45. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
46. strong in al_____a *n.* a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers
47. interim arc_____op *n.* a high-ranking bishop (= a member of the clergy) in the Christian church, typically in charge of an archdiocese and holding a position of authority over other bishops in the region

ANSWERS: 38. divide, 39. planet, 40. division, 41. scholar, 42. cosmic, 43. formula, 44. religion, 45. branch, 46. algebra, 47. archbishop

48. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
49. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
50. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
51. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
52. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
53. di_____er a team *v.* to cut or tear the limbs or other body parts of a living or dead creature; to take apart or dismantle something in a destructive way
54. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
55. ed_____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education

ANSWERS: 48. intellect, 49. curiosity, 50. murder, 51. process, 52. instrument, 53. dismember, 54. temple, 55. educated

56. me__e those systems into a new one
v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
57. 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
58. de__y of commerce
n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
59. al____a calculation
n. a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers
60. de_____e a job offer
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
61. normal se_____r life
adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
62. be_____d by many people
adj. loved very much
63. absolutely wo_____p
v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
64. Je___h culture
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
65. r__t control gas
n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
66. su_____s imagination
v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

ANSWERS: 56. merge, 57. Christ, 58. deity, 59. algebra, 60. decline, 61. secular, 62. beloved, 63. worship, 64. Jewish, 65. riot, 66. surpass

67. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
68. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
69. ut_____y costs *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
70. en_____ch on the realm *v.* to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
71. co_____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
72. the halo of a sa___d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
73. di_____er a corpse *v.* to cut or tear the limbs or other body parts of a living or dead creature; to take apart or dismantle something in a destructive way

ANSWERS: 67. branch, 68. temple, 69. utility, 70. encroach, 71. command, 72. sacred, 73. dismember

74. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
75. pl____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
76. existence of a de__y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
77. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
78. as_____my science *n.* the scientific study of objects and matter outside the Earth's atmosphere, especially the positions, motions, and evolution of celestial bodies
79. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
80. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
81. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
82. co_____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
83. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
84. re_____ed as a novelist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.

ANSWERS: 74. ultimate, 75. platonic, 76. deity, 77. spiritual, 78. astronomy, 79. disagree, 80. blame, 81. mere, 82. converge, 83. practical, 84. renowned

85. a do_____ll earthquake *n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
86. take a st____y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
87. di____e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
88. wo_____p god *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
89. fo____r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
90. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
91. keep fo_____st in mind *adj.* most important, leading, or prominent
92. submit him to an inq_____on *n.* a judicial or official inquiry, especially one aimed at suppressing dissent or heresy
93. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
94. im_____al treatment *adj.* not favoring one side or party over another; fair and unbiased in judgment or opinion
95. without in____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

ANSWERS: 85. downfall, 86. steady, 87. divide, 88. worship, 89. foster, 90. religion, 91. foremost, 92. inquisition, 93. contribution, 94. impartial, 95. injury

96. fr____re test *n.* the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone
97. in___e violence *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
98. mo____te risk *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
99. fo____st expert *adj.* most important, leading, or prominent
100. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
101. ze____s supporter *adj.* characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something
102. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
103. propose an inq_____on *n.* a judicial or official inquiry, especially one aimed at suppressing dissent or heresy
104. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
105. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 96. fracture, 97. incite, 98. moderate, 99. foremost, 100. spiritual, 101. zealous, 102. modern, 103. inquisition, 104. develop, 105. survive

106. co_____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
107. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
108. a re_____ed artist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
109. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
110. mental ari_____ic *n.* the branch of mathematics that deals with numbers and numerical calculations, particularly the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division
111. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
112. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
113. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 106. command, 107. environment, 108. renowned, 109. drag, 110. arithmetic, 111. achieve, 112. drag, 113. spirit

114. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
115. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
116. my_____al world *adj.* based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
117. bridge pa_____an differences *adj.* biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint
118. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
119. har_____us relationship *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
120. family f__d *n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
121. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
122. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
123. decimal ari_____ic *n.* the branch of mathematics that deals with numbers and numerical calculations, particularly the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division

ANSWERS: 114. torture, 115. flee, 116. mythical, 117. partisan, 118. empire, 119. harmonious, 120. feud, 121. environment, 122. aspect, 123. arithmetic

124. a scientific vi_____nt
n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
125. rem_____le achievement
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
126. f__e their homes
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
127. st___y increase
adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
128. de_____y the ecosystem
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
129. physical re_____nt
n. a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
130. se_____r trends
adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
131. a tr_____on of a culture
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
132. mat_____cs competition
n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
133. me__e into a new party
v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

ANSWERS: 124. viewpoint, 125. remarkable, 126. flee, 127. steady, 128. destroy, 129. restraint, 130. secular, 131. tradition, 132. mathematics, 133. merge

134. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
135. expansion of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
136. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
137. self-re_____nt *n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
138. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
139. my_____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
140. theory of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
141. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 134. stud, 135. universe, 136. mere, 137. restraint, 138. planet, 139. mystical, 140. universe, 141. remarkable

142. mo___n poetry	<i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times
143. ed_____ed adult	<i>adj.</i> having received a high standard of education
144. human in_____ct	<i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
145. for your own s___e	<i>n.</i> purpose; reason for wanting something done
146. m__k lifestyle	<i>n.</i> a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
147. armed mi_____a	<i>n.</i> a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs
148. de__e deeper	<i>v.</i> to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
149. do_____ll government	<i>n.</i> a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
150. fo___r two kids	<i>v.</i> to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
151. the ul_____te luxury	<i>adj.</i> furthest or highest in degree or order
152. for the s___e of argument	<i>n.</i> purpose; reason for wanting something done
153. a good grounding in mat_____cs	<i>n.</i> the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 142. modern, 143. educated, 144. intellect, 145. sake, 146. monk, 147. militia, 148. delve, 149. downfall, 150. foster, 151. ultimate, 152. sake, 153. mathematics

154. ze____s advocate *adj.* characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something
155. the tu____l of the war *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
156. aut____ate software license *v.* to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true
157. field of con____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
158. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
159. mi____a groups *n.* a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs
160. bi____p hat *n.* a high-ranking member of the Christian clergy who holds spiritual and administrative authority over a geographic region or diocese; a chess piece that moves diagonally and is marked with a symbol resembling a bishop's hat

ANSWERS: 154. zealous, 155. turmoil, 156. authenticate, 157. contemporary, 158. stud, 159. militia, 160. bishop

161. go_____or general *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
162. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
163. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
164. su_____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
165. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
166. em____e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
167. before 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
168. false acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

ANSWERS: 161. governor, 162. process, 163. achieve, 164. surpass, 165. destroy, 166. empire, 167. Christ, 168. accusation

169. spherical ge____ry *n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
170. noted sc____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
171. sa____d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
172. di____e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
173. de____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
174. amateur ast____er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
175. im____al observer *adj.* not favoring one side or party over another; fair and unbiased in judgment or opinion
176. a planetary or__t *n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity.
177. cellular di____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
178. the power of wit____ft *n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices

ANSWERS: 169. geometry, 170. scholar, 171. sacred, 172. dispute, 173. decline, 174. astronomer, 175. impartial, 176. orbit, 177. division, 178. witchcraft

179. acc_____hed at a very early age *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
180. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
181. ha____s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
182. co_____t my wallet *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
183. ge_____ic pattern *adj.* relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)
184. acc_____hed goal *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
185. Bengal pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
186. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
187. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something

ANSWERS: 179. accomplished, 180. survive, 181. harass, 182. consult, 183. geometric, 184. accomplished, 185. province, 186. instrument, 187. curiosity

188. the or__t of the moon *n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity.
189. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
190. har_____us blend *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
191. arc_____op's palace *n.* a high-ranking bishop (= a member of the clergy) in the Christian church, typically in charge of an archdiocese and holding a position of authority over other bishops in the region
192. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
193. carry out a f__d *n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
194. my_____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
195. wit_____ft belief *n.* the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices

ANSWERS: 188. orbit, 189. contribution, 190. harmonious, 191. archbishop, 192. harass, 193. feud, 194. mystical, 195. witchcraft

196. pa__n belief *n.* a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions
197. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
198. home pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
199. a prefectural go_____or *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
200. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
201. chief ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
202. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
203. mo_____te growth *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
204. co_____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
205. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

ANSWERS: 196. pagan, 197. efficient, 198. province, 199. governor, 200. accuse, 201. adviser, 202. influence, 203. moderate, 204. converge, 205. practical

206. a branch of as_____my *n.* the scientific study of objects and matter outside the Earth's atmosphere, especially the positions, motions, and evolution of celestial bodies
207. pr_____nt figure *adj.* important, well-known, or noticeable
208. pl_____ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
209. a lot of re_____d sugar *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
210. aesthetic vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
211. co____c background radiation *adj.* relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
212. criminal acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
213. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
214. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
215. a ge_____ic proof *adj.* relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)

ANSWERS: 206. astronomy, 207. prominent, 208. platonic, 209. refined, 210. viewpoint, 211. cosmic, 212. accusation, 213. torture, 214. disagree, 215. geometric

216. play a pr_____nt role

adj. important, well-known, or noticeable

217. bl__e the lack of knowledge

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

218. political tu_____l

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

ANSWERS: 216. prominent, 217. blame, 218. turmoil

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The temple was built by ancient _____ who worshiped multiple gods.
n. a person who holds religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism; (adjective) not following the main monotheistic religions

2. The security system requires users to _____ their identity before gaining access.
v. to confirm or verify the validity or authenticity of something; to prove or establish that something is genuine or true

3. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.
n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

4. This consulting firm decided to _____ the two companies into one.
v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

5. The judge made an _____ decision after reviewing all the evidence.
adj. not favoring one side or party over another; fair and unbiased in judgment or opinion

6. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

7. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
adj. belonging to the same or present time

ANSWERS: 1. pagans, 2. authenticate, 3. deity, 4. merge, 5. impartial, 6. riots, 7. Contemporary

8. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.
adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
9. Ethics is a branch of _____.
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
10. Always _____ a lawyer before launching a business.
v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
11. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
12. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
13. The media frequently interviewed _____ scientists.
adj. important, well-known, or noticeable
14. Many cultures have their _____ creatures and legends.
adj. based on or related to myths, legends, or folklore; existing only in tales or in the imagination
15. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
16. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 8. secular, 9. philosophy, 10. consult, 11. religion, 12. Jewish, 13. prominent, 14. mythical, 15. universe, 16. torture

17. The killer used a saw to _____ the victim's body into pieces.
v. to cut or tear the limbs or other body parts of a living or dead creature; to take apart or dismantle something in a destructive way
18. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
19. His classmates were laboring with advanced _____.
n. a type of mathematics in which signs and letters represent numbers
20. Her _____ beliefs made it difficult for her to consider opposing viewpoints.
adj. biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint
21. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
22. His relationship with her was completely _____.
adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
23. They traditionally _____ their guru.
v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
24. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.
n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
25. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 17. dismember, 18. disagree, 19. algebra, 20. partisan, 21. ultimate, 22. platonic, 23. worship, 24. temple, 25. achieve

26. Many people were accused of _____ during the Salem Witch Trials in the late 1600s.

n. the practice of using magical or supernatural powers or abilities to influence events or people, often used to describe ancient, mystical, or pagan practices

27. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

28. While meditating, he had a _____ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

29. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

v. to pull or haul with force

30. This space is a private office _____ to the President

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

31. She felt _____ after finishing her book.

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

32. The company's financial mismanagement was the _____ of the once-successful business.

n. a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

33. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 26. witchcraft, 27. survive, 28. mystical, 29. dragged, 30. sacred, 31. accomplished, 32. downfall, 33. develop

34. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
35. He has a flair for _____.
n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
36. The _____ priority is the safety of the passengers.
adj. most important, leading, or prominent
37. He had a _____ understanding of the topic but needed further research.
adj. being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
38. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.
n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
39. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
40. The abacus is an ancient counting device that was used for _____ calculations.
n. the branch of mathematics that deals with numbers and numerical calculations, particularly the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division
41. It's important to practice _____ when it comes to spending money.
n. a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement

ANSWERS: 34. destroyed, 35. mathematics, 36. foremost, 37. moderate, 38. dispute, 39. flee, 40. arithmetic, 41. restraint

42. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.
- n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
43. The politician's speech seemed designed to _____ anger and unrest among the crowd.
- v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
44. The _____ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.
- n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
45. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
- n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
46. The mathematician pioneered fractal _____.
- n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
47. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.
- adj.* having received a high standard of education
48. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
- n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
49. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.
- n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done

ANSWERS: 42. formula, 43. incite, 44. utility, 45. empire, 46. geometry, 47. educated, 48. murder, 49. sake

50. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

51. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

52. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

53. She was highly _____ in her choice of apparel.

adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

54. This question has fascinated solar _____ for decades.

n. a physicist who studies astronomy

55. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

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

56. _____ suddenly occupied the presidential palace.

n. a military force comprised of trained soldiers who are usually a citizen or have other jobs

57. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

58. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

ANSWERS: 50. curiosity, 51. remarkable, 52. declines, 53. refined, 54. astronomers, 55. environment, 56. Militia, 57. tradition, 58. monk

59. My accidental _____ got better right away.

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

60. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

61. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

62. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

63. The athlete's record-breaking performance _____ all expectations.

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

64. Which _____ of the company do you work in?

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

65. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

66. He lost the election by _____ votes.

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

ANSWERS: 59. injury, 60. scholar, 61. practical, 62. instrument, 63. surpassed, 64. division, 65. modern, 66. mere

67. The _____ sermon was a powerful message of hope and encouragement.

- n.* a high-ranking bishop (= a member of the clergy) in the Christian church, typically in charge of an archdiocese and holding a position of authority over other bishops in the region

68. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

- n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

69. Researchers must _____ into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.

- v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

70. This area is _____ for its hot springs.

- adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.

71. The _____ shapes and patterns in the artwork are visually stunning.

- adj.* relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)

72. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.

- v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

73. The state _____ visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

- n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

ANSWERS: 67. archbishop's, 68. contribution, 69. delve, 70. renowned, 71. geometric, 72. converge, 73. governor

74. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
75. The retired politician resolved the _____ between groups through mediation.
- n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
76. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
77. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
78. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
79. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
- v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
80. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.
- v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
81. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.
- n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

ANSWERS: 74. spirit, 75. feud, 76. branch, 77. process, 78. intellect, 79. accused,

80. blamed, 81. command

82. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

83. The company experienced financial _____ after the CEO was arrested.

- n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

84. After retiring, he continued to be an _____ to politicians.

- n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject

85. The rocket engine is used to put the satellite into _____.

- n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity.

86. For the analysis _____ the system remains at a standstill state.

- n.* a period between two events or times; a short break or pause

87. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.

- adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

88. The painting's _____ composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

- adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

89. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 82. planet, 83. turmoil, 84. adviser, 85. orbit, 86. interval, 87. efficient, 88. harmonious, 89. influence

90. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

91. The _____ was a period of religious persecution in Europe.

n. a judicial or official inquiry, especially one aimed at suppressing dissent or heresy

92. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

adj. harsh or cruel

93. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

94. The _____ of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

95. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

96. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

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

97. _____ 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

ANSWERS: 90. divide, 91. inquisition, 92. brutal, 93. stud, 94. accusation, 95. steady, 96. aspects, 97. Christmas

98. He had a deep passion for extragalactic _____ and spent hours observing the night sky.

n. the scientific study of objects and matter outside the Earth's atmosphere, especially the positions, motions, and evolution of celestial bodies

99. _____ rays are high-energy particles that originate from outside the solar system.

adj. relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless

100. The _____ palace was located near the cathedral.

n. a high-ranking member of the Christian clergy who holds spiritual and administrative authority over a geographic region or diocese; a chess piece that moves diagonally and is marked with a symbol resembling a bishop's hat

101. 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

102. We looked at this issue from a different _____.

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

103. X-ray inspection revealed many _____.

n. the breaking or cracking of a rigid material or object such as bone

104. A network of railways has developed over the _____.

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

ANSWERS: 98. astronomy, 99. Cosmic, 100. bishop's, 101. spiritual, 102. viewpoint, 103. fractures, 104. province

105. The _____ employee always went above and beyond his job duties.

adj. characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something

106. You have no right to _____ on my leisure time.

v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

107. I am here to save my _____.

adj. loved very much

108. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

109. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

ANSWERS: 105. zealous, 106. encroach, 107. beloved, 108. harassed, 109. fostering