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Session 1: Word List

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym : horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym : hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

unresponsive

adj. not responding to some influence or stimulus

synonym : insensitive, passive

(1) **unresponsive** audience, (2) **unresponsive** to her passionate speech

The disease is entirely **unresponsive** to traditional treatment.

profuse

adj. abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

synonym : abundant, plentiful, excessive

(1) **profuse** growth, (2) **profuse** apologies

The flu caused a **profuse** amount of sweating and fever.

uterus

n. a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

synonym : womb

(1) **uterus** cancer, (2) bleeding from **uterus**

The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the **uterus**.

lifeless

adj. without life; dead

synonym : inanimate, inert, motionless

(1) fall **lifeless**, (2) a **lifeless** corpse

The plant had a **lifeless** appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.

resuscitate

v. to make someone or something active or vigorous again;

synonym : reawaken, resurrect, rejuvenate

(1) **resuscitate** economy, (2) **resuscitate** the man drown

He experienced cardiac arrest but was **resuscitated** yesterday.

pierce

v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

synonym : jab, penetrate, stab

(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery

The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

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**.

aback

adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something

synonym: surprised, astounded, shocked

(1) flat **aback**, (2) **aback** shock

The sudden news of the merger took me **aback**.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

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**.

hemorrhage

n. profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel

synonym: heavy bleeding

(1) **hemorrhage** from a breast, (2) **hemorrhage** control

He had a severe brain **hemorrhage** that left him paralyzed.

clot

n. a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force

synonym: clump, coagulation, thrombus

(1) blood **clot**, (2) **clot** prevention

The **clot** in the blood vessel required immediate medical attention.

iceberg

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym : glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

complication

n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

synonym : confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

childbirth

n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby

synonym : delivery, labor, parturition

(1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**

He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

morbid

adj. characterized by a preoccupation with death or unhealthy topics or behaviors; gruesome or disturbing

synonym : unhealthy, sickly, gruesome

(1) **morbid** fascination, (2) **morbid** joke

The decayed and **morbid** atmosphere of the abandoned house scared her.

transfusion

n. the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery

synonym : transfer, graft, infusion

(1) red blood cell **transfusion**, (2) plasma **transfusion**

The patient received a blood **transfusion** during the surgery to replenish her supply.

forgivable

adj. able to be excused or understood; not worthy of blame or punishment; deserving of understanding and empathy

synonym : pardonable, excusable, condonable

(1) **forgivable** mistake, (2) **forgivable** offense

His mistake was **forgivable**, considering the circumstances.

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**.

obstetrician

n. a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period

synonym: doctor, gynecologist, accoucheur

(1) **obstetrician** appointment, (2) female **obstetrician**

The new mother was grateful for the support she received from her **obstetrician**.

gynecology

n. the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system

synonym: obstetrics, women's health, women's medicine

(1) **gynecology** clinic, (2) **gynecology** exam

The **gynecology** department at the hospital offers state-of-the-art treatments for women's health issues.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

eyeball

n. the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen

(1) **eyeball** motion, (2) redness of the **eyeball**

Increased **eyeball** pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.

spotty

adj. characterized by irregular or uneven distribution or coverage; of or relating to temporary blemishes or discolorations on the skin; inconsistent or unreliable in quality or performance

synonym: spotted, uneven, patchy

(1) **spotty** record, (2) **spotty** history

The **spotty** internet connection made it difficult to work from home without interruptions.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

perinatal

adj. relating to the period of time immediately before and after a baby's birth, typically including the last weeks of pregnancy and the first few weeks after birth

(1) **perinatal** infection, (2) **perinatal** distress

The hospital provides **perinatal** care for expectant mothers and their babies.

wrench

v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

synonym: twist, turn, bend

(1) **wrench** off the lock, (2) **wrench** my back

A deep sigh was **wrenched** from his chest.

confer

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

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular

outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym : isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

postpartum

adj. occurring after childbirth or delivery; (noun) the time after delivery when the mother's body begins to recover from the effects of pregnancy and childbirth

synonym : afterbirth, postnatal, postdelivery

(1) **postpartum** workout, (2) lose **postpartum** belly fat

Many women experience **postpartum** depression after giving birth.

clinician

n. a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients

synonym : psychiatrist, therapist, doctor

(1) experienced **clinician**, (2) from a **clinician's** perspective

Some **clinicians** believe that psychological characteristics alone may cause mental disorders.

contraception

n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

(1) hormonal **contraception**, (2) **contraception** pills

Condoms are a common method of **contraception** that both

men and women can use.

preconceived

adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

(1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions

We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.

prenatal

adj. of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth

synonym: antecedent, preconception, prebirth

(1) **prenatal** checkup, (2) **prenatal** development

Prenatal care is essential for ensuring the health of both mother and baby.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

preeclampsia

n. a disorder that can occur during pregnancy or after childbirth characterized by high blood pressure and protein in the urine, often leading to severe complications for both the mother and the baby if left untreated

(1) **preeclampsia** symptom, (2) severe **preeclampsia**

The woman was diagnosed with **preeclampsia** and was immediately hospitalized for observation and management.

fetus

n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

(1) development of the **fetus**, (2) an aborted **fetus**

The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a **fetus**.

pediatrics

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym: pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

Session 2: Spelling

1. metallic sp___e
n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
2. pe_____al infection
adj. relating to the period of time immediately before and after a baby's birth, typically including the last weeks of pregnancy and the first few weeks after birth
3. 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;
4. gyn_____gy exam
n. the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system
5. bleeding from ut___s
n. a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
6. conduct fi_____nd research
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
7. pre_____sia symptom
n. a disorder that can occur during pregnancy or after childbirth characterized by high blood pressure and protein in the urine, often leading to severe complications for both the mother and the baby if left untreated

ANSWERS: 1. sponge, 2. perinatal, 3. paradox, 4. gynecology, 5. uterus, 6. firsthand, 7. preeclampsia

8. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
9. plasma tra_____on *n.* the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery
10. res_____te the man drown *v.* to make someone or something active or vigorous again;
11. pl_____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
12. an aborted fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
13. red blood cell tra_____on *n.* the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery
14. from a cl_____an's perspective *n.* a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients
15. ped_____cs clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
16. con_____ion pills *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

ANSWERS: 8. plummet, 9. transfusion, 10. resuscitate, 11. plummet, 12. fetus, 13. transfusion, 14. clinician, 15. pediatrics, 16. contraception

17. severe pre_____sia *n.* a disorder that can occur during pregnancy or after childbirth characterized by high blood pressure and protein in the urine, often leading to severe complications for both the mother and the baby if left untreated
18. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
19. pr_____al development *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth
20. blood c__t *n.* a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force
21. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
22. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
23. com_____ion of structure *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
24. hem_____ge control *n.* profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel
25. ut___s cancer *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

ANSWERS: 17. preeclampsia, 18. segregate, 19. prenatal, 20. clot, 21. seize, 22. firsthand, 23. complication, 24. hemorrhage, 25. uterus

26. ab__k shock *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
27. fall li_____ss *adj.* without life; dead
28. a pre_____ved notion *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
29. unr_____ive audience *adj.* not responding to some influence or stimulus
30. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
31. for_____le offense *adj.* able to be excused or understood; not worthy of blame or punishment; deserving of understanding and empathy
32. for_____le mistake *adj.* able to be excused or understood; not worthy of blame or punishment; deserving of understanding and empathy
33. natural chi_____th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
34. development of the fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
35. 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;
36. redness of the ey_____l *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen

ANSWERS: 26. aback, 27. lifeless, 28. preconceived, 29. unresponsive, 30. hover, 31. forgivable, 32. forgivable, 33. childbirth, 34. fetus, 35. paradox, 36. eyeball

37. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
38. pr_____e growth *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
39. unr_____ive to her passionate speech *adj.* not responding to some influence or stimulus
40. sp____y history *adj.* characterized by irregular or uneven distribution or coverage; of or relating to temporary blemishes or discolorations on the skin; inconsistent or unreliable in quality or performance
41. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
42. resolve without com_____ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
43. sp____y record *adj.* characterized by irregular or uneven distribution or coverage; of or relating to temporary blemishes or discolorations on the skin; inconsistent or unreliable in quality or performance
44. a sw__m of mosquitoes *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
45. pi____e the armored shells *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

ANSWERS: 37. determinant, 38. profuse, 39. unresponsive, 40. spotty, 41. confer, 42. complication, 43. spotty, 44. swarm, 45. pierce

46. wr___h my back *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
47. res_____te economy *v.* to make someone or something active or vigorous again;
48. a li_____ss corpse *adj.* without life; dead
49. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
50. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
51. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
52. hem_____ge from a breast *n.* profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel
53. income di_____ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
54. experienced cl_____an *n.* a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients
55. ic_____g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
56. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
57. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
58. wr___h off the lock *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

ANSWERS: 46. wrench, 47. resuscitate, 48. lifeless, 49. embarrass, 50. improvisation, 51. elevate, 52. hemorrhage, 53. disparity, 54. clinician, 55. iceberg, 56. segregate, 57. embarrass, 58. wrench

59. obs_____ian appointment *n.* a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period
60. gyn_____gy clinic *n.* the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system
61. c__t prevention *n.* a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force
62. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
63. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
64. the di_____ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
65. pr_____al checkup *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth
66. sea sp_____e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
67. lose pos_____um belly fat *adj.* occurring after childbirth or delivery; (noun) the time after delivery when the mother's body begins to recover from the effects of pregnancy and childbirth

ANSWERS: 59. obstetrician, 60. gynecology, 61. clot, 62. determinant, 63. catastrophic, 64. disparity, 65. prenatal, 66. sponge, 67. postpartum

68. pre_____ved opinions *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
69. flat ab__k *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
70. hit an ic_____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
71. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
72. pos_____um workout *adj.* occurring after childbirth or delivery; (noun) the time after delivery when the mother's body begins to recover from the effects of pregnancy and childbirth
73. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
74. female obs_____ian *n.* a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period
75. pr_____e apologies *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
76. assisted chi_____th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
77. mo___d joke *adj.* characterized by a preoccupation with death or unhealthy topics or behaviors; gruesome or disturbing
78. pi___e a mystery *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

ANSWERS: 68. preconceived, 69. aback, 70. iceberg, 71. elevate, 72. postpartum, 73. catastrophic, 74. obstetrician, 75. profuse, 76. childbirth, 77. morbid, 78. pierce

79. pe_____al distress *adj.* relating to the period of time immediately before and after a baby's birth, typically including the last weeks of pregnancy and the first few weeks after birth
80. mo___d fascination *adj.* characterized by a preoccupation with death or unhealthy topics or behaviors; gruesome or disturbing
81. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
82. ped_____cs department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
83. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
84. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
85. locust sw__m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
86. ey_____l motion *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
87. hormonal con_____ion *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

ANSWERS: 79. perinatal, 80. morbid, 81. confer, 82. pediatrics, 83. seize, 84. improvisation, 85. swarm, 86. eyeball, 87. contraception

88. ho__r between life and death v. to stay in one place in the air

ANSWERS: 88. hover

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
2. The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a _____.
n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
3. I am studying _____ in medical school because I love working with children.
n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
4. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
5. The sudden news of the merger took me _____.
adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
6. The patient received a blood _____ during the surgery to replenish her supply.
n. the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery
7. Increased _____ pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.
n. the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen

ANSWERS: 1. firsthand, 2. fetus, 3. pediatrics, 4. elevates, 5. aback, 6. transfusion, 7. eyeball

8. A deep sigh was _____ from his chest.
v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
9. He experienced cardiac arrest but was _____ yesterday.
v. to make someone or something active or vigorous again;
10. The _____ in the blood vessel required immediate medical attention.
n. a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force
11. The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the _____.
n. a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
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adj. not responding to some influence or stimulus
13. The decayed and _____ atmosphere of the abandoned house scared her.
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14. The _____ internet connection made it difficult to work from home without interruptions.
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15. The ship encountered a series of _____ and had to change its course.
n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

ANSWERS: 8. wrenched, 9. resuscitated, 10. clot, 11. uterus, 12. unresponsive, 13. morbid, 14. spotty, 15. icebergs

16. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term _____.
- n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
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23. The plant had a _____ appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.
- adj.* without life; dead

ANSWERS: 16. complications, 17. preconceived, 18. improvisation, 19. determinant, 20. forgivable, 21. disparity, 22. paradox, 23. lifeless

24. The flu caused a _____ amount of sweating and fever.

adj. abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

25. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

26. He had a severe brain _____ that left him paralyzed.

n. profuse bleeding, often caused by a ruptured vessel

27. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

28. He was present at the _____ of his children.

n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby

29. _____ care is essential for ensuring the health of both mother and baby.

adj. of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth

30. The woman was diagnosed with _____ and was immediately hospitalized for observation and management.

n. a disorder that can occur during pregnancy or after childbirth characterized by high blood pressure and protein in the urine, often leading to severe complications for both the mother and the baby if left untreated

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n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

ANSWERS: 24. profuse, 25. embarrass, 26. hemorrhage, 27. seize, 28. childbirth, 29. Prenatal, 30. preeclampsia, 31. contraception

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adj. occurring after childbirth or delivery; (noun) the time after delivery when the mother's body begins to recover from the effects of pregnancy and childbirth
35. Some _____ believe that psychological characteristics alone may cause mental disorders.
n. a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients
36. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
37. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
38. The hospital provides _____ care for expectant mothers and their babies.
adj. relating to the period of time immediately before and after a baby's birth, typically including the last weeks of pregnancy and the first few weeks after birth
39. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.
adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

ANSWERS: 32. swarm, 33. hovering, 34. postpartum, 35. clinicians, 36. plummeted, 37. confer, 38. perinatal, 39. catastrophic

40. The tiny marine _____ has existed for more than 500 million years.
- n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
41. The new mother was grateful for the support she received from her _____.
- n.* a physician who specializes in caring for women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period
42. The _____ department at the hospital offers state-of-the-art treatments for women's health issues.
- n.* the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system
43. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.
- v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
44. The extreme cold _____ our bones.
- v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

ANSWERS: 40. sponge, 41. obstetrician, 42. gynecology, 43. segregate, 44. pierced