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Session 1: Word List

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

upheaval

n. great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

synonym: disturbance, turmoil, upheaval

(1) **upheaval** of society, (2) the big **upheaval** of my life

The recent political **upheaval** has left the country in a state of chaos.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

alienation

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

synonym: estrangement, separation, detachment

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

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

disaffection

n. a feeling of dissatisfaction or resentment towards someone or something, especially a government or system

synonym: alienation, estrangement, dissatisfaction

(1) public **disaffection**, (2) **disaffection** among workers

The government's policies have caused widespread **disaffection** among the citizens.

paternity

n. the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father

synonym: fatherhood, fathering, parenthood

(1) **paternity** suit, (2) **paternity** test

The **paternity** leave policy at his workplace allowed him to take time off to bond with his new baby

birthplace

n. the house, town, etc., where someone was born

synonym: hometown, native place, origin

(1) ancestral **birthplaces**, (2) **birthplace** of modern soccer

The **birthplace** of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the wel_____ng of a nation | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 2. up_____al of society | <i>n.</i> great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation |
| 3. bir_____ce of modern soccer | <i>n.</i> the house, town, etc., where someone was born |
| 4. enl_____ent activity | <i>n.</i> education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge |
| 5. pa_____ty test | <i>n.</i> the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father |
| 6. the big up_____al of my life | <i>n.</i> great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation |
| 7. bla_____th welding | <i>n.</i> a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil |
| 8. pr_____e a reaction | <i>v.</i> to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect |
| 9. pr_____e a disease | <i>v.</i> to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect |
| 10. human ali_____on | <i>n.</i> the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment |

ANSWERS: 1. well-being, 2. upheaval, 3. birthplace, 4. enlightenment, 5. paternity, 6. upheaval, 7. blacksmith, 8. provoke, 9. provoke, 10. alienation

11. 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
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13. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
14. pa_____ty suit *n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father
15. international ali_____on *n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
16. dis_____ion among workers *n.* a feeling of dissatisfaction or resentment towards someone or something, especially a government or system
17. ancestral bir_____ces *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
18. public dis_____ion *n.* a feeling of dissatisfaction or resentment towards someone or something, especially a government or system
19. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

ANSWERS: 11. determinant, 12. determinant, 13. well-being, 14. paternity, 15. alienation, 16. disaffection, 17. birthplace, 18. disaffection, 19. blacksmith

20. spiritual enl_____ent

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

ANSWERS: 20. enlightenment

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His feelings of _____ from society led to depression.
n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

2. The _____ of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.
n. the house, town, etc., where someone was born

3. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
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ANSWERS: 1. alienation, 2. birthplace, 3. enlightenment, 4. disaffection, 5. upheaval, 6. well-being, 7. provoked, 8. blacksmith

9. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
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ANSWERS: 9. determinant, 10. paternity