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Session 1: Word List

infantry

n. soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers

synonym : soldiery, troops

(1) **infantry** division, (2) **infantry** training

As a member of the **infantry** platoon, he learned the value of teamwork and resilience.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

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.

defensive

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

synonym : protective, watchful, opposing

(1) assume the **defensive**, (2) **defensive** weapons

Boxing fans often criticize his **defensive** stance.

retreat

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

synonym : escape, withdrawal, vacation

(1) **retreat** deeper into their territory, (2) **retreat** in a mountain region

Many people go on a **retreat** to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

cavalry

n. a highly mobile army unit

(1) troop of **cavalry**, (2) superbly trained **cavalry**

The **cavalry** regrouped and launched another attack.

flank

n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

synonym : side, edge, rim

(1) **flank** pain, (2) attack the left **flank**

The **flank** of the mountain was difficult to climb.

rear

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

synonym : back, end, behind

(1) the **rear** gate, (2) **rear** children

The player quickly went to the **rear** side of the defender.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine
Our world is in the third **millennium**.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

benchmark

n. a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance

synonym: standard, measure, gauge

(1) industry **benchmark**, (2) performance **benchmark**

The teacher used a **benchmark** to measure the progress of her students.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

legend

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

synonym: fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

supposedly

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

synonym: seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold

He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

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**.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym : create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

pastime

n. an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game

synonym : hobby, diversion, leisure activity

(1) a familiar **pastime**, (2) national **pastime**

I enjoy gardening as a **pastime** during my free time.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest

mountain in the world.

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.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

Sanskrit

n. an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

(1) **Sanskrit** language, (2) **Sanskrit** literature

Some Indian classical dances and music are based on **Sanskrit** scriptures and texts.

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?

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

checkmate

v. to win a game of chess by putting the opponent's king in a position where it is unable to escape capture; to defeat or frustrate an opponent entirely; (noun) a situation where one person or side has put another in a position where they cannot escape defeat

synonym : outwit, outmaneuver, defeat

(1) **checkmate** with a pawn, (2) a **checkmate** situation

The chess player carefully planned his moves to **checkmate** his opponent in just a few moves.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

conquest

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

synonym : subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

introductory

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

synonym : beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale

The **introductory** class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym : surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

tactical

adj. relating to or constituting actions, plans, or strategies designed to achieve a particular purpose, especially an

aggressive or political purpose; characterized by calculated planning, organization, and effectiveness

synonym : strategic, calculated, planned

(1) **tactical** decision, (2) **tactical** move

The army used **tactical** maneuvers to gain an advantage in battle.

simulate

v. to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

synonym : pretend, imitate, mimic

(1) **simulate** climate change, (2) **simulate** a future scenario

He had painted the wood to **simulate** stone.

eventually

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

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

imagery

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

synonym : metaphors, symbolism, imaging

(1) visual **imagery**, (2) satellite **imagery**

This movie is famous for its romantic **imagery**.

courtier

n. a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power

synonym: court attendant, noble, attendant

(1) the queen's **courtiers**, (2) flattering **courtier**

The **courtier's** job was to advise the king on politics and diplomacy.

ruling

n. a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

synonym: judgment, decision, verdict

(1) legal **ruling**, (2) supreme court **ruling**

The judge's **ruling** was in favor of the defendant.

caliphate

n. an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph

(1) the medieval **Caliphate**, (2) **Caliphate** lasted for four years

During the **Caliphate** of Umar, many new cities were founded.

avid

adj. characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

synonym: enthusiastic, eager, fervent

(1) **avid** baseball fan, (2) have **avid** eyes

She was an **avid** reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

medieval

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym: gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

silk

n. a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

synonym: satin, taffeta, velvet

(1) **silk** road, (2) **silk** fabric

She wore a **silk** dress to the party.

variant

n. something that is slightly different from others of the same type

synonym: variation, modification, variance

(1) **variant** types of pigeon, (2) a **variant** of the same word

The first **variant** of the virus appeared in less than a month.

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.

intersection

n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

synonym: crossroad, junction, hub

(1) busy **intersection**, (2) the **intersection** of coordinate axes

Take a right turn at the next **intersection**.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

reign

n. the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

synonym: rule, governance, sovereignty

(1) **reign** of a dictator, (2) **reign** as sovereign

The dictator's **reign** was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.

citadel

n. a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location

synonym: fortress, stronghold, bastion

(1) medieval **citadel**, (2) fortress **citadel**

The ancient **citadel** provided a vantage point for soldiers to watch over the city.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

opposing

adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other

synonym: disagreeing, dissenting, conflicting

(1) **opposing** counsel, (2) in an **opposing** direction

We have no intention of **opposing** his idea.

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.

allegory

n. a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

synonym: fable, apologue, parable

(1) political **allegory**, (2) subtle, multivalent **allegory**

By using this **allegory**, we can teach moral lessons.

reinterpretation

n. a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

synonym: re-evaluation, re-assessment, re-examination

(1) **reinterpretation** of history, (2) **reinterpretation** of the Constitution

The artist's **reinterpretation** of the classic painting received mixed reviews.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

suspicious

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

synonym: fishy, questionable, doubtful

(1) report **suspicious** activity, (2) a person who is **suspicious**

We carefully examine each **suspicious** transaction report we receive.

moralist

n. a person who is concerned with morals and ethical principles and who often seeks to promote or enforce such principles

synonym: ethicist, philosopher, teacher

(1) **moralist** attitude, (2) famous **moralist**

The modern **moralist** often struggles with the complexities of today's ethical dilemmas.

caution

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

synonym: carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym: forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

synonym: multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in many countries worldwide.

cohere

v. to form a united whole or stick together, particularly about a group or organization; to be logically consistent and connected

synonym: stick together, hold together

(1) **cohere** as a team, (2) **cohere** with the theory

The team's game plan did not **cohere** with their opponents' tactics.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

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.

recast

v. to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film

synonym: modify, remake, remodel

(1) **recast** the Republican party, (2) **recast** the story

He had to **recast** his image to convince the electorate in his home state.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

surge

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

synonym : rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism
She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car
The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym : gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**
The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym : explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

endgame

n. the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition

synonym : outcome, finale, conclusion

(1) **endgame** strategies, (2) chess **endgame**

The athlete's **endgame** was to win an Olympic gold medal before retiring from the sport

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.

royal

adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

synonym: imperial, noble, aristocratic

(1) a **royal** palace, (2) prince **royal**

She is willing to give up her position in the **royal** family to marry him.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym: uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym : summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym : eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym : forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

rookie

n. a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person

synonym: beginner, novice, greenhorn

(1) **rookie** mistake, (2) **rookie** teacher

The **rookie** player showed promise in the preseason games.

emergence

n. the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent

synonym: appearance, emergence, rise

(1) **emergence** as a national leader, (2) re-**emergence** of rampant inflation

The **emergence** of a new virus can cause concern for public health.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym: aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

calculation

n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

synonym: analysis, computation, estimate

(1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain

The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

flair

n. natural and impressive talent or ability, particularly in creativity or self-expression; a distinct style or appearance that is unique and eye-catching

synonym: talent, aptitude, gift

(1) **flair** for design, (2) creative **flair**

The chef's artistic **flair** was evident in the beautifully presented dish.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym: sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym : endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

championship

n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

synonym : crown, title, contest

(1) a world **championship**, (2) **championship** flag

His team won the **championship** for three years running.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym : disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

dominance

n. the state or quality of being the most powerful or influential person or group

synonym : control, mastery, supremacy

(1) **dominance** of traits, (2) **dominance** relationship

The company has maintained its **dominance** in the market for several years.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym: victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition;
someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym: victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme

concentration.

apparent

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

synonym: obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction

This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the r__r gate *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
2. ad____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
3. ro____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
4. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
5. cellular di____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
6. have a__d eyes *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
7. intraspecific com____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
8. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
9. product int____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
10. cal____on of loss and gain *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

ANSWERS: 1. rear, 2. advance, 3. romantic, 4. historic, 5. division, 6. avid, 7. competition, 8. affair, 9. introductory, 10. calculation

11. r__r children *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
12. make dr____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
13. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
14. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
15. de____t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
16. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
17. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
18. po____c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
19. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
20. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
21. a ge____s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

ANSWERS: 11. rear, 12. dramatic, 13. eventually, 14. acquire, 15. defeat, 16. competition, 17. modern, 18. poetic, 19. millennium, 20. context, 21. genius

22. fortress ci____l *n.* a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location
23. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
24. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
25. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
26. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
27. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
28. so____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
29. subtle, multivalent al____ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
30. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
31. take a st____y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

ANSWERS: 22. citadel, 23. genius, 24. trump, 25. upset, 26. origin, 27. determinant, 28. software, 29. allegory, 30. bold, 31. steady

32. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
33. a medical ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
34. act with ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
35. 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
36. im_____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
37. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
38. 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
39. current af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
40. heir ap_____nt *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
41. a dr_____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

ANSWERS: 32. eventually, 33. adviser, 34. caution, 35. develop, 36. immortal, 37. outcome, 38. determinant, 39. affair, 40. apparent, 41. dramatic

42. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
43. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
44. de____e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
45. do_____ce of traits *n.* the state or quality of being the most powerful or influential person or group
46. a person who is sus_____us *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
47. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
48. ac_____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
49. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
50. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
51. ro____e mistake *n.* a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person

ANSWERS: 42. champion, 43. consistent, 44. devote, 45. dominance, 46. suspicious, 47. upset, 48. acquire, 49. analyze, 50. inspire, 51. rookie

52. st___y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
53. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
54. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
55. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
56. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
57. mo_____st attitude *n.* a person who is concerned with morals and ethical principles and who often seeks to promote or enforce such principles
58. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
59. satellite im_____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
60. va_____t types of pigeon *n.* something that is slightly different from others of the same type

ANSWERS: 52. steady, 53. poetic, 54. church, 55. historic, 56. devise, 57. moralist, 58. introductory, 59. imagery, 60. variant

61. imperial co____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
62. a ro__l palace *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
63. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
64. reduce geo_____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
65. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
66. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
67. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
68. ap_____nt contradiction *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
69. co_____e as a team *v.* to form a united whole or stick together, particularly about a group or organization; to be logically consistent and connected
70. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
71. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

ANSWERS: 61. conquest, 62. royal, 63. bold, 64. geopolitical, 65. geopolitical, 66. represent, 67. outcome, 68. apparent, 69. cohere, 70. ingenuity, 71. dominate

72. me____al history *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
73. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
74. report sus_____us activity *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
75. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
76. cha_____hip flag *n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
77. a va_____t of the same word *n.* something that is slightly different from others of the same type
78. re__n as sovereign *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
79. rei_____ion of the Constitution *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
80. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
81. troop of ca_____y *n.* a highly mobile army unit
82. s__k fabric *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

ANSWERS: 72. medieval, 73. consistent, 74. suspicious, 75. importance, 76. championship, 77. variant, 78. reign, 79. reinterpretation, 80. analyze, 81. cavalry, 82. silk

83. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
84. in_____ry division *n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
85. busy int_____ion *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
86. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
87. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
88. assume the de_____ve *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
89. tr_____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
90. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
91. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
92. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
93. im_____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

ANSWERS: 83. inspire, 84. infantry, 85. intersection, 86. military, 87. encouraging, 88. defensive, 89. triumph, 90. pace, 91. relative, 92. context, 93. immortal

94. ro____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
95. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
96. rei_____ion of history *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
97. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
98. ro___e teacher *n.* a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person
99. em_____ce as a national leader *n.* the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent
100. ro____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
101. a ch_____te situation *v.* to win a game of chess by putting the opponent's king in a position where it is unable to escape capture; to defeat or frustrate an opponent entirely; (noun) a situation where one person or side has put another in a position where they cannot escape defeat
102. medieval ci_____l *n.* a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location
103. legal ru____g *n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

ANSWERS: 94. roughly, 95. competitive, 96. reinterpretation, 97. emerge, 98. rookie, 99. emergence, 100. romantic, 101. checkmate, 102. citadel, 103. ruling

104. pro_____te cells *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
105. a world cha_____hip *n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
106. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
107. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
108. ch_____te with a pawn *v.* to win a game of chess by putting the opponent's king in a position where it is unable to escape capture; to defeat or frustrate an opponent entirely; (noun) a situation where one person or side has put another in a position where they cannot escape defeat
109. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
110. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
111. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
112. re____t the story *v.* to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film

ANSWERS: 104. proliferate, 105. championship, 106. ban, 107. metaphor, 108. checkmate, 109. capture, 110. enlightenment, 111. competitive, 112. recast

113. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
114. flattering co____er *n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power
115. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
116. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
117. in_____ry training *n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
118. en_____e strategies *n.* the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
119. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
120. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
121. in an op_____ng direction *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
122. the int_____ion of coordinate axes *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
123. op_____ng counsel *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other

ANSWERS: 113. empire, 114. courtier, 115. transcend, 116. dominate, 117. infantry, 118. endgame, 119. encouraging, 120. ban, 121. opposing, 122. intersection, 123. opposing

124. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
125. de_____ve weapons *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
126. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
127. Sa_____it literature *n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years
128. si_____te a future scenario *v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
129. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
130. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
131. fl__r for design *n.* natural and impressive talent or ability, particularly in creativity or self-expression; a distinct style or appearance that is unique and eye-catching

ANSWERS: 124. ingenuity, 125. defensive, 126. advance, 127. Sanskrit, 128. simulate, 129. sacrifice, 130. capture, 131. flair

132. me_____al times *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
133. le____d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
134. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
135. raw ta____t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
136. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
137. national pa_____e *n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game
138. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
139. re-em_____ce of rampant inflation *n.* the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent
140. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
141. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

ANSWERS: 132. medieval, 133. legend, 134. enlightenment, 135. talent, 136. creative, 137. pastime, 138. peak, 139. emergence, 140. helpless, 141. pace

142. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
143. the medieval Ca_____te *n.* an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph
144. a su__e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
145. a familiar pa_____e *n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game
146. extreme ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
147. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
148. ta_____al move *adj.* relating to or constituting actions, plans, or strategies designed to achieve a particular purpose, especially an aggressive or political purpose; characterized by calculated planning, organization, and effectiveness
149. s__k road *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
150. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

ANSWERS: 142. empire, 143. caliphate, 144. surge, 145. pastime, 146. caution, 147. devote, 148. tactical, 149. silk, 150. peak

151. a__d baseball fan *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
152. co___e with the theory *v.* to form a united whole or stick together, particularly about a group or organization; to be logically consistent and connected
153. copyrighted so____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
154. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
155. visual me____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
156. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
157. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
158. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
159. Sa____it language *n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

ANSWERS: 151. avid, 152. cohere, 153. software, 154. strategy, 155. metaphor, 156. union, 157. relative, 158. devise, 159. Sanskrit

160. re___t the Republican party *v.* to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film
161. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
162. Ca_____te lasted for four years *n.* an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph
163. basketball le___d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
164. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
165. te_____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
166. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
167. a person of diverse ta___ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
168. prince ro__l *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
169. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

ANSWERS: 160. recast, 161. origin, 162. caliphate, 163. legend, 164. feat, 165. testament, 166. transcend, 167. talent, 168. royal, 169. helpless

170. famous mo____st *n.* a person who is concerned with morals and ethical principles and who often seeks to promote or enforce such principles
171. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
172. re__n of a dictator *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
173. neckless sup_____ly made of pure gold *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
174. de___t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
175. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
176. di_____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
177. superbly trained ca_____y *n.* a highly mobile army unit
178. make a co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
179. performance be_____rk *n.* a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance
180. fl__k pain *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

ANSWERS: 170. moralist, 171. importance, 172. reign, 173. supposedly, 174. defeat, 175. trump, 176. division, 177. cavalry, 178. conquest, 179. benchmark, 180. flank

181. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
182. the queen's co_____ers *n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power
183. supreme court ru___g *n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation
184. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
185. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
186. do_____ce relationship *n.* the state or quality of being the most powerful or influential person or group
187. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
188. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

ANSWERS: 181. surge, 182. courtier, 183. ruling, 184. native, 185. union, 186. dominance, 187. grieve, 188. roughly

189. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
190. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
191. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
192. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
193. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
194. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
195. 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
196. pro____te weeds *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
197. re____t in a mountain region *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

ANSWERS: 189. native, 190. creative, 191. grieve, 192. emerge, 193. cult, 194. church, 195. develop, 196. proliferate, 197. retreat

198. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
199. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
200. make a cal_____on *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
201. attack the left fl__k *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
202. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
203. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
204. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
205. tr_____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
206. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
207. political al_____ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
208. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

ANSWERS: 198. millennium, 199. feat, 200. calculation, 201. flank, 202. strategy, 203. champion, 204. testament, 205. triumph, 206. accelerate, 207. allegory, 208. accelerate

209. re_____t deeper into their territory *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
210. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
211. chief ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
212. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
213. si_____te climate change *v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
214. creative fl____r *n.* natural and impressive talent or ability, particularly in creativity or self-expression; a distinct style or appearance that is unique and eye-catching
215. ta_____al decision *adj.* relating to or constituting actions, plans, or strategies designed to achieve a particular purpose, especially an aggressive or political purpose; characterized by calculated planning, organization, and effectiveness
216. sup_____ly identical *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

ANSWERS: 209. retreat, 210. represent, 211. adviser, 212. military, 213. simulate, 214. flair, 215. tactical, 216. supposedly

217. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
218. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
219. visual im_____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
220. chess en_____e *n.* the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
221. industry be_____rk *n.* a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance
222. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 217. modern, 218. cult, 219. imagery, 220. endgame, 221. benchmark, 222. sacrifice

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.
adj. involving competition or competitiveness
2. The athlete's _____ was to win an Olympic gold medal before retiring from the sport
n. the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
3. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
4. The teacher used a _____ to measure the progress of her students.
n. a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance
5. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
6. He continued to grow his empire through _____.
n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
7. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
8. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 1. competitive, 2. endgame, 3. outcome, 4. benchmark, 5. transcended, 6. conquest, 7. empire, 8. software

9. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
10. The chef's artistic _____ was evident in the beautifully presented dish.
n. natural and impressive talent or ability, particularly in creativity or self-expression; a distinct style or appearance that is unique and eye-catching
11. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
12. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
13. It was his first _____ love.
adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
14. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
15. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
n. the first existence or beginning of something
16. She is willing to give up her position in the _____ family to marry him.
adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

ANSWERS: 9. military, 10. flair, 11. analyze, 12. sacrifice, 13. romantic, 14. represent, 15. origin, 16. royal

17. The dictator's _____ was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.
- n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
18. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
19. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
- v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
20. This star is _____ to the naked eye.
- adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
21. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
- v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
22. 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
23. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 17. reign, 18. trump, 19. defeat, 20. apparent, 21. devise, 22. develop, 23. creative

24. The team's game plan did not _____ with their opponents' tactics.
- v. to form a united whole or stick together, particularly about a group or organization; to be logically consistent and connected
25. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
- v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
26. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.
- adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
27. She _____ the loss of her parents.
- v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
28. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
29. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
- n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
30. The chess player carefully planned his moves to _____ his opponent in just a few moves.
- v. to win a game of chess by putting the opponent's king in a position where it is unable to escape capture; to defeat or frustrate an opponent entirely; (noun) a situation where one person or side has put another in a position where they cannot escape defeat
31. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.
- n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 24. cohere, 25. ban, 26. poetic, 27. grieved, 28. strategy, 29. peak, 30. checkmate, 31. union

32. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
33. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.
n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
34. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
35. The number of COVID cases continued to _____ in many countries worldwide.
v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
36. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.
adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
37. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
38. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
39. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 32. ingenuity, 33. talents, 34. cult, 35. proliferate, 36. bold, 37. accelerate, 38. dominates, 39. church

40. The _____ regrouped and launched another attack.

n. a highly mobile army unit

41. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

n. a great victory or achievement

42. We have no intention of _____ his idea.

adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other

43. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

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

44. The company has maintained its _____ in the market for several years.

n. the state or quality of being the most powerful or influential person or group

45. Take a right turn at the next _____.

n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

46. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

47. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

48. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

ANSWERS: 40. cavalry, 41. triumph, 42. opposing, 43. determinant, 44. dominance, 45. intersection, 46. historic, 47. metaphors, 48. dramatic

49. The _____ player showed promise in the preseason games.

n. a newcomer or beginner, specifically in a particular profession, sport, or activity; an inexperienced or naive person

50. I feel so _____ without you.

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

51. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

52. The player quickly went to the _____ side of the defender.

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

53. The army used _____ maneuvers to gain an advantage in battle.

adj. relating to or constituting actions, plans, or strategies designed to achieve a particular purpose, especially an aggressive or political purpose; characterized by calculated planning, organization, and effectiveness

54. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

55. The ancient _____ provided a vantage point for soldiers to watch over the city.

n. a fortress, typically on high ground, used to protect and defend a city, town, or other strategic location

56. The first _____ of the virus appeared in less than a month.

n. something that is slightly different from others of the same type

ANSWERS: 49. rookie, 50. helpless, 51. native, 52. rear, 53. tactical, 54. relatives, 55. citadel, 56. variant

57. He gave a stern _____ to the naughty student.

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

58. The country holds dominant _____ power over its neighbors.

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

59. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

60. The judge's _____ was in favor of the defendant.

n. a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

61. The error in the _____ was attributable to rounding.

n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

62. She was an _____ reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.

adj. characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

63. We carefully examine each _____ transaction report we receive.

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

64. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

ANSWERS: 57. caution, 58. geopolitical, 59. pace, 60. ruling, 61. calculation, 62. avid, 63. suspicious, 64. roughly

65. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.

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

66. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

67. The _____ job was to advise the king on politics and diplomacy.

n. a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power

68. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

69. I enjoy gardening as a _____ during my free time.

n. an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game

70. His wealth is a _____ to his success.

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

71. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

72. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

ANSWERS: 65. enlightenment, 66. eventually, 67. courtier's, 68. acquire, 69. pastime, 70. testament, 71. genius, 72. importance

73. He was awfully _____ by the news.

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

74. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

75. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

76. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

77. Some Indian classical dances and music are based on _____ scriptures and texts.

n. an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

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

n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject

79. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

80. His team won the _____ for three years running.

n. a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

ANSWERS: 73. upset, 74. affair, 75. capture, 76. inspired, 77. Sanskrit, 78. adviser, 79. emerged, 80. championship

81. During the _____ of Umar, many new cities were founded.
- n.* an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph
82. The _____ of the mountain was difficult to climb.
- n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
83. Many people go on a _____ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.
- n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
84. She wore a _____ dress to the party.
- n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
85. Which _____ of the company do you work in?
- n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
86. Legends often describe mythical creatures as _____ beings.
- adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
87. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
88. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.
- adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

ANSWERS: 81. Caliphate, 82. flank, 83. retreat, 84. silk, 85. division, 86. immortal, 87. devoted, 88. steady,

89. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

90. You are not _____ in your behavior.

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

91. Only the _____ tower remained standing.

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

92. The _____ of a new virus can cause concern for public health.

n. the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent

93. Many of the _____ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

94. Boxing fans often criticize his _____ stance.

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

95. Our world is in the third _____.

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

96. By using this _____ we can teach moral lessons.

n. a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

ANSWERS: 89. competition, 90. consistent, 91. medieval, 92. emergence, 93. legends, 94. defensive, 95. millennium, 96. allegory,

97. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

98. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

99. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

100. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

101. He had to _____ his image to convince the electorate in his home state.

v. to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film

102. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

103. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

104. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

ANSWERS: 97. feat, 98. supposedly, 99. surge, 100. introductory, 101. recast, 102. modern, 103. advance, 104. encouraging

105. This movie is famous for its romantic _____.

- n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

106. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

107. He had painted the wood to _____ stone.

- v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

108. The artist's _____ of the classic painting received mixed reviews.

- n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

109. The modern _____ often struggles with the complexities of today's ethical dilemmas.

- n.* a person who is concerned with morals and ethical principles and who often seeks to promote or enforce such principles

110. As a member of the _____ platoon, he learned the value of teamwork and resilience.

- n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers

111. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

- n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

ANSWERS: 105. imagery, 106. context, 107. simulate, 108. reinterpretation, 109. moralist, 110. infantry, 111. champion

ANSWERS: