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Session 1: Word List

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**

Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

determination

n. the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

synonym: resolve, willpower, conviction

(1) a steely **determination**, (2) **determination** of a DNA sequence

His **determination** to succeed was unwavering, even in the

face of adversity.

venture

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring
synonym: enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
synonym: commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

ivy

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable

length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym : association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym : flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

quotient

n. a degree or measure of a specific quality or characteristic; the result of dividing one number by another

synonym : dividend, ratio, proportion

(1) **quotient** rule, (2) creativity **quotient**

My intelligence **quotient** is below average, according to the test results.

rapprochement

n. a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well

synonym :

harmony, understanding, connection

(1) **rappor-building**, (2) be in **rappor** with him

The team leader worked hard to build a strong **rappor** with all team members.

methodology

n. a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something

synonym: procedure, approach, process

(1) **methodology** for optimizing, (2) research **methodology**

We are developing a new **methodology** for assessing marketing measures.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

adaptable

adj. able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

synonym: flexible, adjustable, elastic

(1) **adaptable** enough for the environment, (2) an **adaptable** person

We seek a candidate who possesses **adaptable** fighting potential.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result
In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

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.

subscribe

v. to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

synonym: sign up, enroll, register

(1) **subscribe** to the service, (2) **subscribe** a petition

I want to **subscribe** to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

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**.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

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.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

automatic

adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

synonym : mechanical, robotic, intuitive

(1) **automatic** operation, (2) the **automatic** shrinking of the pupils

In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an **automatic** pilot during cruising.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym : unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

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.

dynamics

n. the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change

synonym : mechanics, kinetics, kinematics

(1) **dynamics** of group, (2) **dynamics** of economy

The relationship **dynamics** between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no

alteration.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
synonym : business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym : brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym: fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym: all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

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.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym: different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym: possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym: control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

constraint

n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

synonym: limitation, restriction, bound

(1) **constraint** on business activity, (2) strict time

constraints

The budget **constraint** forced them to make difficult decisions.

achieve

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

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym: assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

override

v. to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else

synonym: overrule, annul, nullify

(1) **override** the system, (2) **override** a veto

The CEO decided to **override** the decision made by the lower-level managers.

disk

n. a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music

synonym: record, platter, plate

(1) **disk** drive, (2) **disk** space

The computer's hard **disk** was full, so she had to delete some

files.

cleanup

n. an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials

synonym: tidying up, cleaning, maintenance

(1) **cleanup** crew, (2) roadside **cleanup**

After the party, a massive **cleanup** was needed to restore the house.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday
There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

dedication

n. a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important

synonym: devotion, faithfulness, loyalty

(1) **dedication** to public service, (2) **dedication** ceremony

We are very impressed with your strong **dedication** to quality.

autobiography

n. a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

synonym: bio, life story, biography

(1) **autobiography** of his early life, (2) fictionalized **autobiography**

She wrote an **autobiography** detailing her journey from poverty to success.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

exploitation

n. the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful

synonym: victimization, development, using

(1) sexual **exploitation**, (2) the **exploitation** of fossil resources

Strategic **exploitation** of cutting-edge technology would be a sure formula for success.

overvalue

v. to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value

synonym: overestimate, inflate, exaggerate

(1) **overvalue** stocks, (2) **overvalue** assets

It is important not to **overvalue** material possessions, as they do not bring true happiness.

finagle

v. to obtain something deceitfully or by trickery; to manipulate or finesse something to achieve a desired outcome

synonym: trick, manipulate, scheme

(1) **finagle** a deal, (2) **finagle** an invitation

She managed to **finagle** her way into the VIP section of the concert.

blockbuster

n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

synonym: hit, success, smash

(1) **blockbuster** movie, (2) international **blockbuster**

The new action movie is expected to be a **blockbuster** hit.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

fledgling

n. water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten

synonym: beginner, novice, neophyte

(1) **fledgling** company, (2) **fledgling** birds

The current economic situation is especially tough for **fledgling** businesses.

retail

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

synonym: sales, trade, commerce

(1) **retail** store, (2) a **retail** dealer

The **retail** industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

reed

n. a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

synonym: cane, grass

(1) **reed** instrument, (2) a young bud of **reed**

The **reed** in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.

bankruptcy

n. the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors

synonym: insolvency, default, ruin

(1) **bankruptcy** court, (2) **bankruptcy** filing

The **bankruptcy** of the company has left many workers without jobs.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

proactive

adj. acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.

synonym: gung-ho, anticipatory, forward-thinking

(1) **proactive** approach, (2) **proactive** about doing the task

The company implemented **proactive** measures to prevent future issues.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

prioritize

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

synonym: rank, order, arrange

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

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

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 2. a picture fr__e | <i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window |
| 3. inc_____gly become common | <i>adv.</i> more and more |
| 4. establish a par_____ip | <i>n.</i> the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business |
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| 8. ov_____de the system | <i>v.</i> to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else |
| 9. a re___l dealer | <i>n.</i> the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets |

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16. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
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18. su_____be a petition *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
19. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 10. geopolitical, 11. trait, 12. overnight, 13. infuse, 14. inevitable, 15. presume, 16. stream, 17. normally, 18. subscribe, 19. improvisation

20. 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
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23. a baseball le___e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
24. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
25. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
26. international blo_____er *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
27. i_y plant *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
28. su_____be to the service *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

ANSWERS: 20. simulate, 21. bet, 22. improvisation, 23. league, 24. revenue, 25. brain, 26. blockbuster, 27. ivy, 28. subscribe

29. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
30. 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
31. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
32. an endless st____m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
33. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
34. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
35. dy_____cs of economy *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
36. ra_____t-building *n.* a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well

ANSWERS: 29. scenario, 30. simulate, 31. adapt, 32. stream, 33. vice, 34. scenario, 35. dynamics, 36. rapport

37. a prodigious vi___n
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
38. cor_____on assets
n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
39. re___n information
v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
40. met_____gy for optimizing
n. a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
41. man_____te figures
v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
42. early-stage st_____up
n. a newly established company or business
43. ov_____ue assets
v. to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value
44. creativity qu_____nt
n. a degree or measure of a specific quality or characteristic; the result of dividing one number by another
45. co_____e a vision
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
46. a steely det_____ion
n. the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
47. sh_____ng balance
adj. constantly changing or moving

ANSWERS: 37. vision, 38. corporation, 39. retain, 40. methodology, 41. manipulate, 42. start-up, 43. overvalue, 44. quotient, 45. conjure, 46. determination, 47. shifting

48. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
49. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
50. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
51. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
52. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
53. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
54. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
55. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
56. research met_____gy *n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
57. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
58. cl_____p crew *n.* an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials
59. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
60. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

ANSWERS: 48. prioritize, 49. relation, 50. discotheque, 51. emotional, 52. individual, 53. trait, 54. strength, 55. shifting, 56. methodology, 57. relation, 58. cleanup, 59. achieve, 60. variation

61. ded_____on to public service *n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
62. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
63. gr_____e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
64. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
65. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
66. pr_____ve approach *adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
67. au_____ic operation *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
68. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
69. blo_____er movie *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
70. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
71. the au_____ic shrinking of the pupils *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

ANSWERS: 61. dedication, 62. propose, 63. grapple, 64. complicated, 65. investor, 66. proactive, 67. automatic, 68. overnight, 69. blockbuster, 70. technological, 71. automatic

72. ex____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
73. fl_____ng company *n.* water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten
74. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
75. ov_____de a veto *v.* to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else
76. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
77. pr_____ve about doing the task *adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
78. strict time con_____nts *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
79. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
80. d__k space *n.* a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music
81. con_____nt on business activity *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
82. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
83. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 72. exciting, 73. fledgling, 74. adapt, 75. override, 76. awesome, 77. proactive, 78. constraint, 79. constant, 80. disk, 81. constraint, 82. increasingly, 83. strength

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| 84. the exp_____ion of fossil resources | <i>n.</i> the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful |
| 85. poison i_y | <i>n.</i> an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings |
| 86. roadside cl_____p | <i>n.</i> an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials |
| 87. ex_____t a security hole | <i>v.</i> to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc. |
| 88. na_____te through a document | <i>v.</i> to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map |
| 89. gov_____nt funding | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 90. aut_____phy of his early life | <i>n.</i> a written account of someone's own life, written by that person |
| 91. co_____e evil spirits away | <i>v.</i> to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination |
| 92. virtue and v___e | <i>n.</i> wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person |
| 93. telescopic vi____n | <i>n.</i> the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see |

ANSWERS: 84. exploitation, 85. ivy, 86. cleanup, 87. exploit, 88. navigate, 89. government, 90. autobiography, 91. conjure, 92. vice, 93. vision

94. ban_____cy court *n.* the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors
95. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
96. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
97. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
98. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
99. ov_____ue stocks *v.* to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value
100. 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
101. a real estate in_____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
102. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
103. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
104. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

ANSWERS: 94. bankruptcy, 95. backward, 96. achieve, 97. accelerate, 98. probable, 99. overvalue, 100. determinant, 101. investor, 102. partnership, 103. react, 104. accelerate

105. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
106. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
107. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
108. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
109. det_____ion of a DNA sequence *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
110. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
111. ban_____cy filing *n.* the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors
112. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
113. st_____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
114. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
115. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

ANSWERS: 105. league, 106. constant, 107. specific, 108. backward, 109. determination, 110. chip, 111. bankruptcy, 112. navigate, 113. start-up, 114. steer, 115. capitalism

116. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
117. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
118. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
119. di_____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
120. be in ra_____t with him *n.* a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well
121. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
122. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
123. pr_____e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
124. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
125. re____l store *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

ANSWERS: 116. inevitable, 117. bet, 118. exciting, 119. distinct, 120. rapport, 121. individual, 122. background, 123. presume, 124. emotional, 125. retail

126. an ad_____le person	<i>adj.</i> able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
127. tec_____cal policy	<i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress
128. sexual exp_____ion	<i>n.</i> the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful
129. gene va_____on	<i>n.</i> the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
130. complete no_____ly	<i>adv.</i> usually; under normal conditions
131. st__r a steady course	<i>v.</i> to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
132. flexible mi_____t	<i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
133. fictionalized aut_____phy	<i>n.</i> a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
134. re___n a lawyer	<i>v.</i> to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
135. sp_____ic instructions	<i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
136. the fr__e of the policy	<i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
137. ex_____t a valuable opportunity	<i>v.</i> to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

ANSWERS: 126. adaptable, 127. technological, 128. exploitation, 129. variation, 130. normally, 131. steer, 132. mindset, 133. autobiography, 134. retain, 135. specific, 136. frame, 137. exploit

138. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
139. qu_____nt rule *n.* a degree or measure of a specific quality or characteristic; the result of dividing one number by another
140. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
141. gr_____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
142. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
143. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
144. tax re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
145. 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
146. basic br___n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
147. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 138. complicated, 139. quotient, 140. improve, 141. grapple, 142. capitalism, 143. corporation, 144. revenue, 145. geopolitical, 146. brain, 147. intelligence

148. ad_____le enough for the environment *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
149. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
150. ded_____on ceremony *n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
151. a joint ve_____e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
152. in_____e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
153. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
154. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
155. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
156. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
157. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
158. r__d instrument *n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

ANSWERS: 148. adaptable, 149. propose, 150. dedication, 151. venture, 152. infuse, 153. improve, 154. determinant, 155. intelligence, 156. background, 157. probable, 158. reed

159. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
160. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
161. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
162. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
163. dy_____cs of group *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
164. fi_____e a deal *v.* to obtain something deceitfully or by trickery; to manipulate or finesse something to achieve a desired outcome
165. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
166. fi_____e an invitation *v.* to obtain something deceitfully or by trickery; to manipulate or finesse something to achieve a desired outcome
167. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
168. fl_____ng birds *n.* water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten

ANSWERS: 159. government, 160. prioritize, 161. awesome, 162. manipulate, 163. dynamics, 164. finagle, 165. distinct, 166. finagle, 167. react, 168. fledgling

169. ve_____e capital

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

170. dis_____ue party

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

ANSWERS: 169. venture, 170. discotheque

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
 - n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
2. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
 - n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
3. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
 - n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
4. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.
 - v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
5. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.
 - adv.* usually; under normal conditions
6. The _____ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.
 - n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
7. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
 - n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
8. The CEO decided to _____ the decision made by the lower-level managers.
 - v.* to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else

ANSWERS: 1. mindset, 2. revenue, 3. streams, 4. navigate, 5. normally, 6. venture, 7. strength, 8. override

9. The computer's hard _____ was full, so she had to delete some files.
n. a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music
10. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.
adj. constantly changing or moving
11. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time
12. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
13. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature
14. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.
n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
15. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
16. She managed to _____ her way into the VIP section of the concert.
v. to obtain something deceitfully or by trickery; to manipulate or finesse something to achieve a desired outcome

ANSWERS: 9. disk, 10. shifting, 11. Constant, 12. discotheque, 13. traits, 14. corporation, 15. overnight, 16. finagle

17. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.
- n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
18. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
19. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
- v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
20. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.
- n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
21. It is important not to _____ material possessions, as they do not bring true happiness.
- v.* to value or estimate something too high; to assign too much worth or importance to something; to assess or appraise something beyond its actual market or intrinsic value
22. The company implemented _____ measures to prevent future issues.
- adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
23. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
24. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
- v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 17. chip, 18. adapt, 19. accelerate, 20. variation, 21. overvalue, 22. proactive, 23. individual, 24. propose

25. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
26. The _____ industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.
n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
27. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.
n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
28. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
29. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
30. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
31. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.
n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
32. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.
v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

ANSWERS: 25. Technological, 26. retail, 27. investors, 28. complicated, 29. frame, 30. partnership, 31. league, 32. manipulate

33. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.

- n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

34. After the party, a massive _____ was needed to restore the house.

- n.* an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials

35. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

- v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

36. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.

- adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type

37. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

38. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.

- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

39. He needed to _____ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

- v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

40. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 33. vice, 34. cleanup, 35. infused, 36. distinct, 37. intelligence, 38. scenarios, 39. grapple, 40. probable

41. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

42. 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

43. She wrote an _____ detailing her journey from poverty to success.

- n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

44. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

- adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

45. The relationship _____ between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.

- n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change

46. His _____ to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

- n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

47. The _____ of the company has left many workers without jobs.

- n.* the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors

ANSWERS: 41. vision, 42. simulate, 43. autobiography, 44. specific, 45. dynamics, 46. determination, 47. bankruptcy

48. I want to _____ to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.
- v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
49. The team leader worked hard to build a strong _____ with all team members.
- n.* a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well
50. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
51. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
- adj.* relating to people's feelings
52. I ___ that you know it.
- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
53. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
54. The new action movie is expected to be a _____ hit.
- n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
55. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 48. subscribe, 49. rapport, 50. improvisation, 51. emotional, 52. bet, 53. exciting, 54. blockbuster, 55. achieve

56. Strategic _____ of cutting-edge technology would be a sure formula for success.
- n.* the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful
57. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
- adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
58. The overgrown ____ cleaved to the ruined castle walls.
- n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
59. The current economic situation is especially tough for _____ businesses.
- n.* water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten
60. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
- n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
61. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
- v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
62. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
- adv.* more and more
63. My intelligence _____ is below average, according to the test results.
- n.* a degree or measure of a specific quality or characteristic; the result of dividing one number by another

ANSWERS: 56. exploitation, 57. backward, 58. ivy, 59. fledgling, 60. Capitalism, 61. retain, 62. increasingly, 63. quotient

64. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

65. The budget _____ forced them to make difficult decisions.

- n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

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

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

67. We are developing a new _____ for assessing marketing measures.

- n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something

68. We seek a candidate who possesses _____ fighting potential.

- adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

69. In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an _____ pilot during cruising.

- adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

70. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

- v.* to make or become better

71. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.

- n.* a newly established company or business

72. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 64. brain, 65. constraint, 66. prioritized, 67. methodology, 68. adaptable, 69. automatic, 70. improve, 71. start-up, 72. background

73. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
74. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
75. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
76. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.
v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
77. I _____ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.
v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
78. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.
adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
79. We are very impressed with your strong _____ to quality.
n. a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
80. 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

ANSWERS: 73. conjured, 74. government, 75. relations, 76. steer, 77. presume, 78. awesome, 79. dedication, 80. determinant

81. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

82. 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

83. The _____ in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.

n. a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

84. How did he _____ to your idea?

v. to take action in response to something

85. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

ANSWERS: 81. inevitable, 82. geopolitical, 83. reed, 84. react, 85. exploit