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Session 1: Word List

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

detach

v. to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage

synonym : separate, disengage, disconnect

(1) **detach** a ticket from its stub, (2) **detach** you from the matter

She **detached** the trailer from the truck before driving away.

tram

n. a vehicle or conveyance, typically for passengers, which runs on rails and is propelled by an overhead or underground cable or electricity; a streetcar or cable car

synonym : streetcar, trolley, tramcar

(1) **tram** line, (2) a **tram** stop

I took the city **tram** to get downtown.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a

piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym : sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym : intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

teem

v. to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily

synonym : brim, swarm, overflow

(1) **teem** with activity, (2) **teem** down

The city **teems** with traffic on holiday.

transience

n. the state or fact of lasting only for a short time; the quality or state of being temporary

synonym : fleetingness, impermanence, ephemerality

(1) human **transience**, (2) **transience** of fame

The **transience** of life is a reminder to make the most of every moment.

disarray

n. the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior

synonym : chaos, mess, confusion

(1) fall into **disarray**, (2) with her clothes in **disarray** .

The country's economic policies have led to political **disarray**.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

soundscape

n. the overall sound environment of a particular area or place

synonym: auditory environment, acoustics

(1) **soundscape** music, (2) tranquil **soundscape**

The **soundscape** of the city was a symphony of car horns and chatter.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

audible

adj. able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly

synonym: hearable, perceptible, loud enough

(1) **audible** sound, (2) **audible** words

An **audible** sigh from the back of the room broke the silence.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

hypnotize

v. to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)

synonym : grip, enchant, anesthetize

(1) **hypnotize** a subject, (2) **hypnotize** them against negative minds

The local sorcerer insists that he can **hypnotize** him into a deep trance.

superhuman

adj. possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability

synonym : supernatural, inhuman, beyond human

(1) **superhuman** beings, (2) **superhuman** effort

The athlete's **superhuman** strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.

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.

prism

n. a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

synonym : crystal, polyhedron

(1) **prism** spectrometer, (2) a **prism** of viewpoints

The scientist used an optical **prism** to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.

timbre

n. the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other

synonym: resonance, tone, inflection

(1) the **timbre** of a musical sound, (2) the **timbre** of her soprano

His voice had a deep **timbre**.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

archetype

n. a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature

synonym: prototype, model, paradigm

(1) **archetype** symbol, (2) feminine **archetype**

The hero's journey is a common **archetype** in many myths and stories.

propagate

v. to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction

synonym: propagate, multiply, reproduce

(1) **propagate** a rumor, (2) **propagate** plants

The company is working hard to **propagate** their brand message to as many people as possible

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

symphony

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called

movements

synonym: orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

ringtone

n. a sound or melody that plays on a mobile phone to indicate an incoming call or message

synonym: ringback tone, caller tune, dialler tone

(1) download **ringtone**, (2) **ringtone** melody

I forgot to silence my phone during the meeting, and everyone heard my embarrassing **ringtone**.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

superimpose

v. to place, layer, or overlay one thing on top of another, typically in such a way that both are still visible; to add or combine something additional into an existing structure, design, or system

synonym: overlay, impose, place over

(1) **superimpose** image, (2) **superimpose** text

The graphic designer will **superimpose** the logo over the image in the brochure.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

crescendo

n. a gradual increase in volume or intensity, often about a musical piece or performance; figuratively, a gradual buildup or intensification of a feeling, emotion, or action
synonym : escalation, apex, zenith

(1) **crescendo** of applause, (2) a rising **crescendo** of voices
The band's music reached a **crescendo** during the concert's final song.

harp

n. a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
synonym : lyre, psaltery, clavichord

(1) **harp** strings, (2) Japanese **harp**
She began to play a beautiful melody on her **harp**.

ethereal

adj. delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
synonym : airy, delicate, celestial

(1) **ethereal** beauty, (2) **ethereal** light
The **ethereal** music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
synonym : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research
Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

glorify

v. to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
synonym : exalt, celebrate, honor

(1) **glorify** god, (2) **glorify** violence
Religious leaders often **glorify** their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sup_____an beings *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
2. with her clothes in di_____ay. *n.* the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior
3. gl_____y violence *v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
4. de____h you from the matter *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
5. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
6. gl_____y god *v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
7. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
8. en_____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
9. a rising cr_____do of voices *n.* a gradual increase in volume or intensity, often about a musical piece or performance; figuratively, a gradual buildup or intensification of a feeling, emotion, or action

ANSWERS: 1. superhuman, 2. disarray, 3. glorify, 4. detach, 5. humming, 6. glorify, 7. envision, 8. envision, 9. crescendo

10. au____e words *adj.* able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly
11. the ti___e of a musical sound *n.* the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other
12. wh_____e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
13. au____e sound *adj.* able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly
14. a pr__m of viewpoints *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic
15. the ti___e of her soprano *n.* the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other
16. a beautiful sy_____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 10. audible, 11. timbre, 12. whistle, 13. audible, 14. prism, 15. timbre, 16. symphony

17. hy_____ze a subject *v.* to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)
18. hy_____ze them against negative minds *v.* to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)
19. t__m line *n.* a vehicle or conveyance, typically for passengers, which runs on rails and is propelled by an overhead or underground cable or electricity; a streetcar or cable car
20. sou_____pe music *n.* the overall sound environment of a particular area or place
21. download ri_____ne *n.* a sound or melody that plays on a mobile phone to indicate an incoming call or message
22. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
23. pr_____te plants *v.* to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction
24. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
25. wh_____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

ANSWERS: 17. hypnotize, 18. hypnotize, 19. tram, 20. soundscape, 21. ringtone, 22. chaotic, 23. propagate, 24. transcend, 25. whistle

26. feminine ar_____pe *n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
27. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
28. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
29. sup_____an effort *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
30. sc_____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
31. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
32. pr_____te a rumor *v.* to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction
33. pr__m spectrometer *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

ANSWERS: 26. archetype, 27. opportune, 28. conceive, 29. superhuman, 30. scatter, 31. amplify, 32. propagate, 33. prism

34. tranquil sou_____pe *n.* the overall sound environment of a particular area or place
35. a sy_____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
36. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
37. sup_____se image *v.* to place, layer, or overlay one thing on top of another, typically in such a way that both are still visible; to add or combine something additional into an existing structure, design, or system
38. tra_____ce of fame *n.* the state or fact of lasting only for a short time; the quality or state of being temporary
39. de____h a ticket from its stub *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
40. sup_____se text *v.* to place, layer, or overlay one thing on top of another, typically in such a way that both are still visible; to add or combine something additional into an existing structure, design, or system
41. et_____al beauty *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
42. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 34. soundscape, 35. symphony, 36. transcend, 37. superimpose, 38. transience, 39. detach, 40. superimpose, 41. ethereal, 42. intuition

43. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
44. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
45. fall into di_____ay *n.* the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior
46. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
47. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
48. t__m with activity *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
49. cr_____do of applause *n.* a gradual increase in volume or intensity, often about a musical piece or performance; figuratively, a gradual buildup or intensification of a feeling, emotion, or action
50. ar_____pe symbol *n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
51. et_____al light *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual

ANSWERS: 43. intuition, 44. trajectory, 45. disarray, 46. visionary, 47. trajectory, 48. teem, 49. crescendo, 50. archetype, 51. ethereal

52. the ch____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
53. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
54. Japanese h__p *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
55. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
56. a t__m stop *n.* a vehicle or conveyance, typically for passengers, which runs on rails and is propelled by an overhead or underground cable or electricity; a streetcar or cable car
57. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
58. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
59. walk on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
60. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
61. human tra_____ce *n.* the state or fact of lasting only for a short time; the quality or state of being temporary

ANSWERS: 52. chaotic, 53. opportune, 54. harp, 55. humming, 56. tram, 57. amplify, 58. onstage, 59. onstage, 60. visionary, 61. transience

62. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
63. t__m down *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
64. ri____ne melody *n.* a sound or melody that plays on a mobile phone to indicate an incoming call or message
65. h__p strings *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
66. sc____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
67. co____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
68. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 62. sect, 63. teem, 64. ringtone, 65. harp, 66. scatter, 67. conceive, 68. sect

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We cannot _____ her as President.
v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
2. The _____ of life is a reminder to make the most of every moment.
n. the state or fact of lasting only for a short time; the quality or state of being temporary
3. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. His voice had a deep _____.
n. the quality of sound that is produced by particular voices or musical instruments sounds different from each other
5. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
6. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
7. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.
v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
8. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 1. envision, 2. transience, 3. opportune, 4. timbre, 5. conceive, 6. onstage, 7. scattered, 8. sect

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ANSWERS: 9. superhuman, 10. detached, 11. chaotic, 12. crescendo, 13. superimpose, 14. archetype, 15. prism

16. I forgot to silence my phone during the meeting, and everyone heard my embarrassing _____.
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ANSWERS: 16. ringtone, 17. disarray, 18. propagate, 19. humming, 20. hypnotize, 21. trajectory, 22. intuitions

23. The city _____ with traffic on holiday.

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24. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

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

27. An _____ sigh from the back of the room broke the silence.

adj. able to be heard; loud enough to be heard clearly

28. You might need to _____ this point.

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

29. The _____ music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.

adj. delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual

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n. a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers

ANSWERS: 23. teems, 24. visionary, 25. glorify, 26. transcended, 27. audible, 28. amplify, 29. ethereal, 30. harp

31. I took the city _____ to get downtown.

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ANSWERS: 31. tram, 32. symphony, 33. soundscape, 34. whistle-blow