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Session 1: Word List

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

grit

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

synonym: determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

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.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

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.

calibrate

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

synonym : adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

endowment

n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization

synonym : fund, gift, donation

(1) education **endowment** insurance, (2) **endowment** gift

The wealthy benefactor's **endowment** helped the university build a new library.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym : candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to

something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

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.

paramount

adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

synonym : central, major, crucial

(1) the lord **paramount**, (2) **paramount** to all the others

This country became a country of **paramount** geostrategic importance to us.

indicator

n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

synonym : barometer, signal, index

(1) **indicator** lamp, (2) performance **indicators**

Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor **indicator** of whether a business can be successfully run.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

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

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

shield

n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

synonym : guard, protection, safeguard

(1) a heat **shield**, (2) a **shield** for protecting against a bullet
Lead is an effective **shield** against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony
There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment
The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

procedure

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

synonym: action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**
The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

reside

v. to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time

synonym: live, dwell, inhabit

(1) **reside** on the skin, (2) **reside** permanently
They **reside** in a beautiful old house in the countryside.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

synonym: exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence
He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life
The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

counsel

n. advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance

synonym : advice, guidance, direction

(1) take **counsel**, (2) career **counsel**

She sought the **counsel** of her trusted advisor before making a decision.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym : offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

bequest

n. a gift of property made by a will

synonym : legacy, inheritance, endowment

(1) a residuary **bequest**, (2) **bequest** gift

The **bequest** of his estate to charity was a generous act.

withstand

v. to resist the effect or impact of something

synonym : endure, bear, resist

(1) **withstand** pressure, (2) **withstand** temptation

The new phone is waterproof and can **withstand** being dropped in water.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym : crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

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**.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

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.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym: almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

Latino

n. a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States

synonym: Hispanic, Chicano

(1) **Latino** coworkers, (2) **Latino** culture

The **Latino** community has had a significant impact on American culture.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym: hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym : cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym : fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

indicative

adj. serving as a sign or indication of something; expressing or showing something directly; characteristic of a particular group or situation

synonym : suggestive, telltale, revelatory

(1) **indicative** mood, (2) **indicative** sign

The company's profits were **indicative** of its successful business strategy.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym : ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

inadequate

adj. not sufficient or enough

synonym : insufficient, lacking, lacking enough

(1) an **inadequate** income, (2) **inadequate** funding

The small budget was **inadequate** to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.

expansion

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

synonym : growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

disparity

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

synonym : difference, inequality, gap

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

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

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym: greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same
Essentially, a society is an organism.

emphasis

n. particular importance or significance that is given to something

synonym: priority, stress, focus

(1) **emphasis** on color, (2) lay great **emphasis** on policy
The spotlight gave the central figure increased **emphasis**.

meager

adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

synonym: scanty, sparse, insufficient

(1) **meager** salary, (2) **meager** resources

The refugee family had to survive on a **meager** amount of food and water daily.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

deficient

adj. lacking something needed or normal

synonym : lacking, inadequate, insufficient

(1) **deficient** nutrient, (2) mentally **deficient**

His diet was **deficient** in essential vitamins and minerals.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym : core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**
He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym : remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging
Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential
Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property
After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

arrangement

n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order

synonym : placement, configuration, account

(1) **arrangement** of the furniture, (2) **arrangement** committee

As a first **arrangement**, we agreed to meet the following

Friday.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

intrinsic

adj. belonging naturally; essential

synonym : inherent, innate, natural

(1) **intrinsic** value, (2) **intrinsic** nature

The **intrinsic** beauty of the painting was immediately apparent to all who viewed it.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym : disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

panacea

n. a remedy or solution that is believed to be a cure for all illnesses or problems; something that is seen as a universal cure-all

synonym : cure-all, elixir, miracle cure

(1) **panacea** solution, (2) no **panacea** for economic woes

Many people believe that exercise is the **panacea** for all health problems.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym : completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask
She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

overstate

v. to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is

synonym : exaggerate, embellish, magnify

(1) **overstate** the issue, (2) **overstate** the importance
He tends to **overstate** his accomplishments to impress others.

functional

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

synonym : applicable, practical, usable

(1) field of **functional** medicine, (2) **functional** deafness
The mobile phone was still **functional** even after being dropped.

detriment

n. something that causes harm, injury, or damage

synonym : harm, damage, injury

(1) **detriment** of society, (2) bring great **detriment**
The new approach resulted in a significant **detriment** to the local economy.

beget

v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

synonym : be father, procreate, reproduce

(1) **beget** children, (2) **beget** fear
His irresponsible behavior may **beget** many problems for him in the future.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym : proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education
advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that

the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

birthright

n. a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry

synonym: heritage, legacy, inheritance

(1) **birthright** citizenship, (2) claim **birthright**

It was his **birthright** to inherit his father's estate.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

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.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym : allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym : consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym : flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym : transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

mandate

n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

synonym : command, instruction, authority

(1) **mandate** obligation, (2) an Imperial **mandate**

The **mandate** given to the new government is to improve the economy.

neo-liberal

adj. relating to a modern political and economic philosophy that emphasizes the promotion of free markets, limited government intervention, privatization, and deregulation

synonym : free-market, laissez-faire, capitalist

(1) **neo-liberal** economic model, (2) **neo-liberal** ideology

The government's **neo-liberal** policies prioritize free-market capitalism over social welfare programs.

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.

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.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym : equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

perseverance

n. steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

synonym : persistence, tenacity, determination

(1) unwavering **perseverance**, (2) dogged **perseverance**

Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his **perseverance** and determination led him to success.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym : integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym : adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

rag *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
synonym: cloth, fragment
(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll
He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

flip *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
synonym: throw, jump
(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin
He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

likewise *adv.* in the same way
synonym: alike, correspondingly, similarly
(1) do **likewise**, (2) please revise **likewise**
He is tall and **likewise** strong.

sanction *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
synonym: approve, authorize, endorse
(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**
The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

astute *adj.* having the ability to assess situations or people accurately and to act accordingly; mentally sharp or clever; showing practical wisdom or shrewdness
synonym: perceptive, shrewd, keen
(1) **astute** decision-making, (2) **astute** businessman
His **astute** observation allowed him to catch the mistake before anyone else did.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

glaringly

adv. in a way that is obvious, conspicuous, or highly visible; in a manner that draws immediate attention or scrutiny

synonym: blatantly, obviously, conspicuously

(1) **glaringly** obvious fact, (2) **glaringly** bright

The flaws of the proposal were **glaringly** apparent during the meeting.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

transaction

n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

synonym: trade, dealing, commerce

(1) card with no foreign **transaction** fees, (2) **transaction** balance

Electronic **transactions** remain incomplete due to system errors.

intervention

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

synonym: interference, intercession, treatment

(1) **intervention** by foreign powers, (2) surgical **intervention**

This **intervention** does not require the patient's consent.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

stratify

v. to arrange or divide into layers or strata based on characteristics such as social, economic, or cultural status

synonym: layer, classify, arrange in layers

(1) **stratify** populations, (2) **stratify** data

Society tends to **stratify** people into different economic classes.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

egalitarian

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

synonym : equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym : genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

pathway

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

synonym : route, footpath, trail

(1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling **pathways**

When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

complement

v. to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it

synonym : complete, integrate

(1) **complement** existing rules, (2) **complement** each other

Our application aims to **complement** the feature of web browsers.

pension

n. a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working

synonym : allowance, annuity, grant

(1) a disability **pension**, (2) public **pension** funds

Because of the country's poor economic prospects, the number of **pension** defaulters has been increasing.

comprehensive

adj. complete and including all or everything necessary

synonym : complete, encyclopedic, thorough

(1) a **comprehensive** explanation, (2) conduct a **comprehensive** survey

We have a **comprehensive** grasp of this topic.

cradle

n. a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

synonym : infancy, beginning, origin

(1) from the **cradle** to the grave, (2) **cradle** of civilization

The baby peacefully slept in her **cradle**, surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym : tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

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.

endow

v. to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

synonym : finance, subsidize, support

(1) **endow** him with the power, (2) **endow** the scholarship

Some people believe that human is **endowed** with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

synonym : skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend

The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

poorest

adj. having the least wealth or resources

synonym : impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym : agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

nominal

adj. being something in name only; insignificantly small, minimal, or minor

synonym : token, symbolic, insignificant

(1) **nominal** interest rate, (2) **nominal** damages

The **nominal** fee for the concert tickets was only \$10.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym : assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality
We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

curtail

v. to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end

synonym : restrict, limit, cut back

(1) **curtail** spending, (2) **curtail** freedom

Due to budget constraints, the company had to **curtail** its marketing campaign for the new product.

inflation

n. a general and progressive increase in prices;
(cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

synonym : increase, swelling, boom

(1) **inflation** control, (2) global **inflation**

Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against **inflation**.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

financing

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

synonym : funding, loan, expenditure

(1) **financing** activity, (2) public **financing**

The investment fund offered **financing** for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym : liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

approximately

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

synonym : about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same

This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

crude

adj. being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

synonym : unrefined, native, vulgar

(1) price of **crude** oil, (2) **crude** manners

His **crude** jokes made her angry.

constitute

v. to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something

synonym : comprise, form, make up

(1) **constitute** a threat, (2) **constitute** a majority

The new regulations **constitute** a significant change in the industry standards.

expenditure

n. the act of spending money; the total amount of money spent

synonym : outlay, cost, expense

(1) energy **expenditure**, (2) **expenditure** planning

Almost \$1 billion in capital **expenditure** is still required.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

subsidy

n. money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
synonym: allowance, grant, sponsorship
(1) inefficient fossil fuel **subsidy**, (2) a **subsidy** for research
The government provided a considerable **subsidy** to the company.

allocate

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
synonym: apportion, assign, distribute
(1) **allocate** resource, (2) **allocate** budgets
The company **allocated** a portion of its profits to developing new products.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out
(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content
His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

progressive

adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
synonym: advanced, forward-thinking, modern
(1) **progressive** taxation, (2) **progressive** development
The **progressive** approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;
synonym: alter, convert, change
(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym: offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym: strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

- quo** *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
synonym : status, condition, state
(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto
The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.
- structural** *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
synonym : architectural, basic, anatomical
(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization
The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.
- privilege** *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage
(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership
In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.
- extent** *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
synonym : amount, degree, intensity
(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage
I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.
- 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.
- economics** *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
synonym : social science, finance, business
(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym : ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

deficit

n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

synonym : insufficiency, deficiency, shortage

(1) federal budget **deficit**, (2) an accumulative **deficit**

Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade **deficit**.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

provision

n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

synonym : supply, agreement, stocking

(1) **provision** for loan losses, (2) administrative **provision**

The new law includes **provisions** for increased penalties for repeat offenders.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

transmission

n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

synonym: transportation, communication, broadcast

(1) **transmission** speed, (2) the **transmission** gears of a car

Education is the **transmission** of civilization.

disadvantage

n. a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

synonym: detriment, drawback, (verb) disfavor

(1) the **disadvantage** of a plan, (2) **disadvantage** small businesses

A lack of education can be a significant **disadvantage** in today's job market.

decent

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

synonym: respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education

He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

facilitate

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

synonym: aid, assist, help

(1) **facilitate** a smooth transition, (2) **facilitate** the process

The company implemented a new software system to **facilitate** employee communication and collaboration.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car
There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

rap *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
synonym: hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**
The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

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

(1) **eyeball** motion, (2) redness of the **eyeball**
Increased **eyeball** pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.

roll *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks
He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

discriminate *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
synonym: show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,
(2) **discriminate** between different things
You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

invest *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital
The government should view children as national assets and

actively **invest** in them.

leisure

n. the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities

synonym : relaxation, rest, downtime

(1) **leisure** activity, (2) a person of **leisure**

I like to spend my **leisure** time playing sports or reading on weekends.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

resume

v. to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption

synonym : continue, reopen, restart

(1) **resume** an office, (2) **resume** a relationship

We **resumed** negotiations after a temporary break.

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**.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

Session 2: Spelling

1. arr_____nt of the furniture
n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
2. a su_____y for research
n. money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
3. foreign po_____y
n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
4. in_____ve education
adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
5. r_g doll
n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
6. in_____ce the daily life
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. arrangement, 2. subsidy, 3. policy, 4. inclusive, 5. rag, 6. influence, 7. presume

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| 8. a person of le_____e | <i>n.</i> the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities |
| 9. a sense of wel_____ng | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 10. public fi_____ng | <i>n.</i> the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project |
| 11. ex___e a person to risks | <i>v.</i> to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence |
| 12. eco_____al use of her time | <i>adj.</i> providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary |
| 13. create a br__d logo | <i>n.</i> a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning |
| 14. el__e athlete | <i>adj.</i> belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society |
| 15. algebraic ine_____ty | <i>n.</i> the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different |
| 16. ex___e a crime | <i>v.</i> to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence |

ANSWERS: 8. leisure, 9. well-being, 10. financing, 11. expose, 12. economical, 13. brand, 14. elite, 15. inequality, 16. expose

17. lack in mo____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
18. product int_____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
19. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
20. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
21. int_____ion by foreign powers *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
22. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
23. an ina_____te income *adj.* not sufficient or enough
24. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
25. al_____te budgets *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
26. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
27. in_____or lamp *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

ANSWERS: 17. mobility, 18. introductory, 19. confront, 20. statistics, 21. intervention, 22. exert, 23. inadequate, 24. narrative, 25. allocate, 26. discriminate, 27. indicator

28. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
29. a r_g of cloud *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
30. g__t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
31. cellular signaling pa____ys *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
32. dis____ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
33. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
34. cir____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
35. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
36. in____ic nature *adj.* belonging naturally; essential
37. re____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
38. at____te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

ANSWERS: 28. grade, 29. rag, 30. grit, 31. pathway, 32. discriminate, 33. moral, 34. circumstance, 35. quo, 36. intrinsic, 37. resilient, 38. attribute

39. dis_____age small businesses *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
40. do li_____se *adv.* in the same way
41. bir_____ht citizenship *n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry
42. com_____nt each other *v.* to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it
43. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
44. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
45. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
46. a disability pe_____n *n.* a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
47. inefficient fossil fuel su_____y *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
48. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
49. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 39. disadvantage, 40. likewise, 41. birthright, 42. complement, 43. invest, 44. authentic, 45. essentially, 46. pension, 47. subsidy, 48. moral, 49. refer

50. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
51. ov_____te the issue *v.* to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is
52. income di_____ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
53. en__w him with the power *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
54. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
55. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
56. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
57. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
58. shopping re____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
59. be__t fear *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
60. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

ANSWERS: 50. medical, 51. overstate, 52. disparity, 53. endow, 54. privilege, 55. decision, 56. inherit, 57. advocate, 58. reward, 59. beget, 60. medical

61. a heat sh___d *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
62. an innovative pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
63. conduct a com_____ive survey *adj.* complete and including all or everything necessary
64. fac_____te a smooth transition *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
65. Imperial sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
66. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
67. details of his pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
68. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
69. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
70. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

ANSWERS: 61. shield, 62. proposal, 63. comprehensive, 64. facilitate, 65. sanction, 66. possibility, 67. proposal, 68. advantage, 69. eliminate, 70. sentimental

71. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
72. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
73. energy exp_____re *n.* the act of spending money; the total amount of money spent
74. the di_____ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
75. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
76. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
77. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
78. global in_____on *n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
79. vi___e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
80. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
81. tra_____on balance *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

ANSWERS: 71. nation, 72. pervasive, 73. expenditure, 74. disparity, 75. radical, 76. motivation, 77. diminish, 78. inflation, 79. virtue, 80. typical, 81. transaction

82. a dr____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
83. the cabin pressure fell dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
84. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
85. ex_____on project *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
86. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
87. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
88. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
89. in_____on control *n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
90. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
91. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 82. dramatic, 83. dramatically, 84. promote, 85. expansion, 86. shift, 87. individual, 88. debt, 89. inflation, 90. inequality, 91. responsible

92. en_____nt gift *n.* a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
93. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
94. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
95. eq___y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
96. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
97. undergo a surgical pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
98. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
99. ind_____ve sign *adj.* serving as a sign or indication of something; expressing or showing something directly; characteristic of a particular group or situation
100. g__t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

ANSWERS: 92. endowment, 93. asset, 94. statistics, 95. equity, 96. emergency, 97. procedure, 98. structure, 99. indicative, 100. grit

101. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
102. en____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
103. manage my fi____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
104. lay great em____is on policy *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
105. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
106. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
107. res____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
108. fun____al deafness *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
109. re____e on the skin *v.* to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time
110. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 101. largely, 102. enormous, 103. finance, 104. emphasis, 105. discuss, 106. par, 107. responsible, 108. functional, 109. reside, 110. discuss

111. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
112. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
113. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
114. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
115. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
116. health po_____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
117. r___l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 111. racial, 112. regardless, 113. economics, 114. context, 115. economy, 116. policy, 117. roll

118. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
119. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
120. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
121. improve social mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
122. please revise li_____se *adv.* in the same way
123. fi_____ng activity *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
124. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
125. redness of the ey_____l *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
126. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
127. ca_____te machinery *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
128. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 118. distribute, 119. colleague, 120. transform, 121. mobility, 122. likewise, 123. financing, 124. deserve, 125. eyeball, 126. individual, 127. calibrate, 128. gap

129. de____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
130. pu____e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
131. neo____al ideology *adj.* relating to a modern political and economic philosophy that emphasizes the promotion of free markets, limited government intervention, privatization, and deregulation
132. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
133. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
134. a gr____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
135. no pa____a for economic woes *n.* a remedy or solution that is believed to be a cure for all illnesses or problems; something that is seen as a universal cure-all
136. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
137. ex__t influence *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
138. the sets were meticulously
au____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

ANSWERS: 129. deserve, 130. pursue, 131. neo-liberal, 132. bond, 133. concept, 134. gradual, 135. panacea, 136. strategy, 137. exert, 138. authentic

139. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
140. gl_____ly bright *adv.* in a way that is obvious, conspicuous, or highly visible; in a manner that draws immediate attention or scrutiny
141. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
142. pr_____ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
143. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
144. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
145. demonstrate an up___d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
146. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
147. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
148. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
149. cu_____l freedom *v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end

ANSWERS: 139. president, 140. glaringly, 141. creditor, 142. predatory, 143. refer, 144. structural, 145. upward, 146. motivation, 147. historic, 148. progression, 149. curtail

150. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
151. as___e decision-making *adj.* having the ability to assess situations or people accurately and to act accordingly; mentally sharp or clever; showing practical wisdom or shrewdness
152. pa_____a solution *n.* a remedy or solution that is believed to be a cure for all illnesses or problems; something that is seen as a universal cure-all
153. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
154. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
155. acquire a vi___e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
156. ra___l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
157. the an_____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
158. pr_____on for loan losses *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

ANSWERS: 150. possibility, 151. astute, 152. panacea, 153. administer, 154. promote, 155. virtue, 156. racial, 157. antidote, 158. provision

159. al_____te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
160. employment co_____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
161. the dis_____age of a plan *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
162. re____d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
163. str_____al reorganization *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
164. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
165. ca_____te measurements *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
166. no_____l interest rate *adj.* being something in name only; insignificantly small, minimal, or minor
167. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 159. allocate, 160. contract, 161. disadvantage, 162. regard, 163. structural, 164. constrain, 165. calibrate, 166. nominal, 167. magic

168. be__t children *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
169. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
170. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
171. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
172. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
173. a hackneyed pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
174. education en_____nt insurance *n.* a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
175. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
176. claim bir_____ht *n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry
177. bring great de_____nt *n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage
178. a sh___d for protecting against a bullet *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

ANSWERS: 168. beget, 169. advantage, 170. administer, 171. envision, 172. quo, 173. proverb, 174. endowment, 175. well-being, 176. birthright, 177. detriment, 178. shield

179. dogged per_____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
180. de_____nt nutrient *adj.* lacking something needed or normal
181. an Imperial ma_____e *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
182. po_____t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
183. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
184. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
185. price of cr__e oil *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
186. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
187. 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
188. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
189. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

ANSWERS: 179. perseverance, 180. deficient, 181. mandate, 182. poorest, 183. transform, 184. structure, 185. crude, 186. nation, 187. achieve, 188. essence, 189. associate

190. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
191. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
192. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
193. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
194. standard pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
195. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
196. pu_____e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
197. neo_____al economic model *adj.* relating to a modern political and economic philosophy that emphasizes the promotion of free markets, limited government intervention, privatization, and deregulation
198. st_____fy populations *v.* to arrange or divide into layers or strata based on characteristics such as social, economic, or cultural status
199. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
200. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 190. progression, 191. inherit, 192. consume, 193. independence, 194. procedure, 195. gradual, 196. pursue, 197. neo-liberal, 198. stratify, 199. regardless, 200. unfortunately

201. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
202. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
203. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
204. con_____te a threat *v.* to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something
205. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
206. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
207. yearn for the de____t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
208. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
209. a com_____ive explanation *adj.* complete and including all or everything necessary

ANSWERS: 201. transfer, 202. incentive, 203. rap, 204. constitute, 205. survey, 206. elite, 207. decent, 208. graduated, 209. comprehensive

210. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
211. wi_____nd pressure *v.* to resist the effect or impact of something
212. vi_____ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
213. field of fun_____al medicine *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
214. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
215. at_____te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
216. exp_____re planning *n.* the act of spending money; the total amount of money spent
217. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
218. recent su_____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
219. the ex____t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
220. he confessed dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
221. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 210. narrative, 211. withstand, 212. virtually, 213. functional, 214. advocate, 215. attribute, 216. expenditure, 217. typical, 218. survey, 219. extent, 220. dramatically, 221. roll

222. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
223. arr_____nt committee *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
224. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
225. La___o coworkers *n.* a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States
226. f___p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
227. certain ex___t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
228. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
229. me___r resources *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
230. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
231. ind_____ve mood *adj.* serving as a sign or indication of something; expressing or showing something directly; characteristic of a particular group or situation

ANSWERS: 222. par, 223. arrangement, 224. ignore, 225. Latino, 226. flip, 227. extent, 228. economy, 229. meager, 230. distribute, 231. indicative

232. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
233. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
234. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
235. in_____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
236. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
237. industrial ex_____on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
238. in_____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
239. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
240. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
241. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
242. an accumulative de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

ANSWERS: 232. transfer, 233. essentially, 234. government, 235. indicate, 236. incentive, 237. expansion, 238. invest, 239. gap, 240. sentimental, 241. independence, 242. deficit

243. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
244. ega_____an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
245. cr____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
246. pro_____ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
247. cr__e manners *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
248. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
249. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
250. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
251. no_____l damages *adj.* being something in name only; insignificantly small, minimal, or minor
252. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
253. cr____e of civilization *n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

ANSWERS: 243. creditor, 244. egalitarian, 245. criminal, 246. progressive, 247. crude, 248. bond, 249. eliminate, 250. flip, 251. nominal, 252. economical, 253. cradle

254. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
255. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
256. ig____e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
257. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
258. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
259. le____e activity *n.* the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
260. po_____t area *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
261. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
262. fac_____te the process *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
263. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
264. unwavering per_____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
265. career co_____l *n.* advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance

ANSWERS: 254. diminish, 255. government, 256. ignore, 257. predict, 258. introductory, 259. leisure, 260. poorest, 261. conversation, 262. facilitate, 263. pervasive, 264. perseverance, 265. counsel

266. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
267. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
268. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
269. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
270. La____o culture *n.* a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States
271. a residuary be____t *n.* a gift of property made by a will
272. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
273. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
274. make dr_____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

ANSWERS: 266. context, 267. frame, 268. circumstance, 269. wealth, 270. Latino, 271. bequest, 272. grade, 273. grave, 274. dramatic

275. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
276. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
277. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
278. ega_____an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
279. surgical int_____ion *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
280. private eq___y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
281. gl_____ly obvious fact *adv.* in a way that is obvious, conspicuous, or highly visible; in a manner that draws immediate attention or scrutiny
282. pu_____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
283. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
284. app_____ely same *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
285. the tra_____ion gears of a car *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

ANSWERS: 275. regard, 276. magic, 277. wealth, 278. egalitarian, 279. intervention, 280. equity, 281. glaringly, 282. publicly, 283. colleague, 284. approximately, 285. transmission

286. wi_____nd temptation *v.* to resist the effect or impact of something
287. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
288. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
289. wanted cr_____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
290. pr_____e innocence *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
291. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
292. en__w the scholarship *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
293. in____t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
294. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
295. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 286. withstand, 287. cycle, 288. essence, 289. criminal, 290. presume, 291. frame, 292. endow, 293. intent, 294. cycle, 295. historic

296. pa____y to understanding *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
297. ab____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
298. a ra____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
299. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
300. administrative pr____on *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
301. co____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
302. com____nt existing rules *v.* to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it
303. em____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
304. gu____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
305. a hard and re____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
306. as___e businessman *adj.* having the ability to assess situations or people accurately and to act accordingly; mentally sharp or clever; showing practical wisdom or shrewdness

ANSWERS: 296. pathway, 297. absolute, 298. radical, 299. shift, 300. provision, 301. consume, 302. complement, 303. emergency, 304. guarantee, 305. resilient, 306. astute

307. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
308. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
309. pro_____ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
310. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
311. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
312. cu_____l spending *v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end
313. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
314. st_____fy data *v.* to arrange or divide into layers or strata based on characteristics such as social, economic, or cultural status
315. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
316. the in____t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 307. finance, 308. largely, 309. progressive, 310. decision, 311. reinforce, 312. curtail, 313. obvious, 314. stratify, 315. unfortunately, 316. intent

317. me___r salary *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
318. federal budget de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
319. ma_____e obligation *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
320. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
321. in_____ic value *adj.* belonging naturally; essential
322. from the cr___e to the grave *n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
323. be_____t gift *n.* a gift of property made by a will
324. ina_____te funding *adj.* not sufficient or enough
325. app_____ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
326. look up___d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
327. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 317. meager, 318. deficit, 319. mandate, 320. economics, 321. intrinsic, 322. cradle, 323. bequest, 324. inadequate, 325. approximately, 326. upward, 327. president

328. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
329. ey_____l motion *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
330. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
331. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
332. 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
333. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
334. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
335. ov_____te the importance *v.* to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is
336. take co_____l *n.* advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance

ANSWERS: 328. associate, 329. eyeball, 330. strategy, 331. guarantee, 332. achieve, 333. rap, 334. inclusive, 335. overstate, 336. counsel

337. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
338. ancient pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
339. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
340. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
341. the lord pa_____nt *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
342. vi_____ly identical *adv.* almost completely
343. pa_____nt to all the others *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
344. popular sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
345. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 337. confront, 338. proverb, 339. concept, 340. contract, 341. paramount, 342. virtually, 343. paramount, 344. sanction, 345. asset

346. a pr_____ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
347. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
348. de_____nt of society *n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage
349. gr___e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
350. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
351. in_____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
352. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
353. performance in_____ors *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
354. pu_____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

ANSWERS: 346. predatory, 347. predict, 348. detriment, 349. grave, 350. enormous, 351. indicate, 352. privilege, 353. indicator, 354. publicly

355. card with no foreign tra_____on fees
n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
356. re___e permanently
v. to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time
357. his conclusion was ob____s
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
358. gr_____ed flask
adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
359. public pe_____n funds
n. a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
360. co_____in information flow
v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
361. re_____ce good behavior
v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
362. corporate d__t
n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
363. an ab_____te must
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
364. re___e an office
v. to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
365. re___e a relationship
v. to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption

ANSWERS: 355. transaction, 356. reside, 357. obvious, 358. graduated, 359. pension, 360. constrain, 361. reinforce, 362. debt, 363. absolute, 364. resume, 365. resume

366. mentally de_____nt *adj.* lacking something needed or normal
367. en_____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
368. a de____t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
369. em_____is on color *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
370. the an_____te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
371. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
372. tra_____ion speed *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
373. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
374. con_____te a majority *v.* to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something
375. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

ANSWERS: 366. deficient, 367. envision, 368. decent, 369. emphasis, 370. antidote, 371. brand, 372. transmission, 373. influence, 374. constitute, 375. reward

376. a friendly con_____ion

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 376. conversation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
2. 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
3. As people get old, their energies may _____.
v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
4. 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
5. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
6. The small budget was _____ to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.
adj. not sufficient or enough
7. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
8. The baby peacefully slept in her _____ surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.
n. a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

ANSWERS: 1. transformed, 2. individual, 3. diminish, 4. government, 5. predict, 6. inadequate, 7. creditor, 8. cradle,

9. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.
adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
10. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
11. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
12. The company's profits were _____ of its successful business strategy.
adj. serving as a sign or indication of something; expressing or showing something directly; characteristic of a particular group or situation
13. They had formed a friendship _____.
n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
14. His estate was _____ to his sons.
v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
15. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
16. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 9. racial, 10. nation, 11. discuss, 12. indicative, 13. bond, 14. distributed, 15. flipped, 16. rolled

17. The food chain causes a material _____.
- n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
18. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
- n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
19. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
- v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
20. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
- adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
21. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.
- v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
22. The government's _____ policies prioritize free-market capitalism over social welfare programs.
- adj.* relating to a modern political and economic philosophy that emphasizes the promotion of free markets, limited government intervention, privatization, and deregulation
23. The stages of the play were meticulously _____
- adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
24. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
- adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

ANSWERS: 17. cycle, 18. essence, 19. regarded, 20. economical, 21. allocated, 22. neo-liberal, 23. authentic, 24. sentimental

25. Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against _____.
- n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
26. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
- n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
27. It was his _____ to inherit his father's estate.
- n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry
28. He _____ himself to lift the heavyweight.
- v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
29. She sought the _____ of her trusted advisor before making a decision.
- n.* advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance
30. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
31. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
32. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.
- n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

ANSWERS: 25. inflation, 26. grade, 27. birthright, 28. exerted, 29. counsel, 30. obvious, 31. resilient, 32. graves

33. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.
v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
34. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
35. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
36. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.
adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
37. Almost \$1 billion in capital _____ is still required.
n. the act of spending money; the total amount of money spent
38. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.
n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
39. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
40. The _____ beauty of the painting was immediately apparent to all who viewed it.
adj. belonging naturally; essential

ANSWERS: 33. exposed, 34. inherited, 35. magic, 36. regardless, 37. expenditure, 38. economics, 39. enormous, 40. intrinsic

41. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
42. The company adjusted the revenue _____.
adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
43. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
44. _____ all the parties signed the contract.
adv. almost completely
45. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
46. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
47. The new regulations _____ a significant change in the industry standards.
v. to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something
48. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 41. motivation, 42. upward, 43. consume, 44. Virtually, 45. decision, 46. historic, 47. constitute, 48. economy

49. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.
n. the value of the shares issued by a company
50. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
51. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
52. There is a significant _____ in pay between men and women in the company.
n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
53. 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
54. The president declared a state of _____.
n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
55. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
56. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

ANSWERS: 49. equity, 50. finance, 51. pervasive, 52. disparity, 53. introductory, 54. emergency, 55. circumstances, 56. transferred

57. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

58. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

59. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

60. He became in _____ after losing his job.

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

61. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

62. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

63. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

64. The company implemented a new software system to _____ employee communication and collaboration.

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

ANSWERS: 57. elites, 58. Advocates, 59. inequality, 60. debt, 61. shift, 62. radical, 63. attributes, 64. facilitate

65. Our application aims to _____ the feature of web browsers.
- v. to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it
66. It's important to _____ the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.
- v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
67. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.
- adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
68. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
- v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
69. The flaws of the proposal were _____ apparent during the meeting.
- adv. in a way that is obvious, conspicuous, or highly visible; in a manner that draws immediate attention or scrutiny
70. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
71. The refugee family had to survive on a _____ amount of food and water daily.
- adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
72. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
- v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
73. She has a lot of _____ and determination to succeed.
- n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

ANSWERS: 65. complement, 66. calibrate, 67. approximately, 68. eliminate, 69. glaringly, 70. refer, 71. meager, 72. associate, 73. grit

74. He used an old ____ to clean the grease off the car's engine.
n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
75. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
76. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.
adj. having the least wealth or resources
77. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
78. The company prides itself on being an _____ workplace with equal employment opportunities.
adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
79. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
80. This country became a country of _____ geostrategic importance to us.
adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
81. Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor _____ of whether a business can be successfully run.
n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

ANSWERS: 74. rag, 75. privilege, 76. poorest, 77. conversation, 78. egalitarian, 79. absolute, 80. paramount, 81. indicator

82. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.
- n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
83. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
- n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
84. The spotlight gave the central figure increased _____.
- n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
85. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
- v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
86. Increased _____ pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.
- n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
87. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.
- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
88. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.
- adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
89. The new law includes _____ for increased penalties for repeat offenders.
- n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

ANSWERS: 82. procedure, 83. contract, 84. emphasis, 85. constrained, 86. eyeball, 87. quo, 88. graduated, 89. provisions

90. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
91. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
92. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
93. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
94. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
95. We cannot _____ her as President.
v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
96. Due to budget constraints, the company had to _____ its marketing campaign for the new product.
v. to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end
97. The _____ fee for the concert tickets was only \$10.
adj. being something in name only; insignificantly small, minimal, or minor

ANSWERS: 90. survey, 91. strategy, 92. rewards, 93. proposal, 94. brand, 95. envision, 96. curtail, 97. nominal

98. The mobile phone was still _____ even after being dropped.

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

99. 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

100. As a first _____ we agreed to meet the following Friday.

n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order

101. He is tall and _____ strong.

adv. in the same way

102. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

103. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

104. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

105. His irresponsible behavior may _____ many problems for him in the future.

v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

ANSWERS: 98. functional, 99. achieve, 100. arrangement, 101. likewise, 102. asset, 103. typical, 104. antidote, 105. beget

106. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

107. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

108. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

109. A lack of education can be a significant _____ in today's job market.

n. a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

110. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

111. His _____ observation allowed him to catch the mistake before anyone else did.

adj. having the ability to assess situations or people accurately and to act accordingly; mentally sharp or clever; showing practical wisdom or shrewdness

112. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

113. Because of the country's poor economic prospects, the number of _____ defaulters has been increasing.

n. a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working

ANSWERS: 106. extent, 107. concept, 108. indicates, 109. disadvantage, 110. colleague, 111. astute, 112. gap, 113. pension

114. The famous _____ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

115. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

116. I have limited _____ in my arms.

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

117. Society tends to _____ people into different economic classes.

v. to arrange or divide into layers or strata based on characteristics such as social, economic, or cultural status

118. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

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

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

120. When the first molecule in the _____ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

121. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

ANSWERS: 114. proverb, 115. possibility, 116. mobility, 117. stratify, 118. advantages, 119. dramatic, 120. pathway, 121. structural

122. He tends to _____ his accomplishments to impress others.

v. to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is

123. I like to spend my _____ time playing sports or reading on weekends.

n. the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities

124. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

125. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

126. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

127. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

128. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

129. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

130. They _____ in a beautiful old house in the countryside.

v. to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time

ANSWERS: 122. overstate, 123. leisure, 124. inclusive, 125. guarantee, 126. gradual, 127. promote, 128. medical, 129. narrative, 130. reside

131. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

132. The new ____ album is getting a lot of attention.

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

133. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

134. Lead is an effective _____ against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

135. His _____ jokes made her angry.

adj. being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

136. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

137. 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

138. The wealthy benefactor's _____ helped the university build a new library.

n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization

ANSWERS: 131. Essentially, 132. rap, 133. par, 134. shield, 135. crude, 136. sanctions, 137. frame, 138. endowment

139. 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
140. This _____ does not require the patient's consent.
- n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
141. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
- n.* a person who has committed a crime
142. The new approach resulted in a significant _____ to the local economy.
- n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage
143. Some people believe that human is _____ with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.
- v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
144. You should not _____ against minorities.
- v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
145. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
- v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
146. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 139. context, 140. intervention, 141. criminal, 142. detriment, 143. endowed, 144. discriminate, 145. administer, 146. statistics

147. The new phone is waterproof and can _____ being dropped in water.
v. to resist the effect or impact of something
148. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
149. Electronic _____ remain incomplete due to system errors.
n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
150. Education is the _____ of civilization.
n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
151. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
152. He earned a _____ salary at his job.
adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
153. They have no _____ to win the game.
n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
154. We have a _____ grasp of this topic.
adj. complete and including all or everything necessary
155. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

ANSWERS: 147. withstand, 148. well-being, 149. transactions, 150. transmission, 151. ignored, 152. decent, 153. incentive, 154. comprehensive, 155. independence

156. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

157. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

- v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

158. She intends to _____ a political career.

- v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

159. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

160. The _____ community has had a significant impact on American culture.

- n.* a person of Latin American origin or descent, especially one living in the United States

161. The _____ of his estate to charity was a generous act.

- n.* a gift of property made by a will

162. The domesticated cat still has its _____ instincts.

- adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

163. She had many good _____ and few faults.

- n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

ANSWERS: 156. influence, 157. confront, 158. pursue, 159. policy, 160. Latino, 161. bequest, 162. predatory, 163. virtues

164. The _____ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.
adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
165. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
166. Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade _____.
n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
167. We _____ negotiations after a temporary break.
v. to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
168. The _____ given to the new government is to improve the economy.
n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
169. 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
170. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 164. progressive, 165. responsible, 166. deficit, 167. resumed, 168. mandate, 169. presume, 170. structure

171. The company is undergoing an _____ opening new locations in several states.
- n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
172. We should _____ the troops at the front line.
- v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
173. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
174. Many people believe that exercise is the _____ for all health problems.
- n.* a remedy or solution that is believed to be a cure for all illnesses or problems; something that is seen as a universal cure-all
175. The government provided a considerable _____ to the company.
- n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
176. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
- adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
177. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
- n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
178. His diet was _____ in essential vitamins and minerals.
- adj.* lacking something needed or normal

ANSWERS: 171. expansion, 172. reinforce, 173. wealth, 174. panacea, 175. subsidy, 176. moral, 177. progression, 178. deficient

179. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
180. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.
adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
181. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
182. Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his _____ and determination led him to success.
n. steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
183. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
184. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
185. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
186. The investment fund offered _____ for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.
n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

ANSWERS: 179. unfortunately, 180. publicly, 181. largely, 182. perseverance, 183. invest, 184. president, 185. deserved, 186. financing

187. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective)
having a strong determination to do or achieve something

188. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.

adv. in a very impressive manner

ANSWERS: 187. intent, 188. dramatically