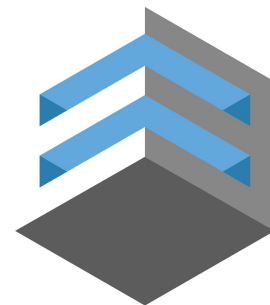


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Session 1: Word List

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym : slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym : raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

serial

adj. consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents

synonym : consecutive, sequential, successive

(1) **serial** killer, (2) **serial** number

The company is launching a new line of **serial** products aimed at young adults.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

saint

n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

synonym: holy person, martyr, angel

(1) **saint** statue, (2) the departed **saint**

The faithful follower venerated the **saint's** relic.

abject

adj. extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless

synonym: wretched, miserable, pitiful

(1) **abject** failure, (2) **abject** despair

The **abject** poverty in the slums is a concern for the government.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

distress

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
synonym : discomfort, despair, misery

(1) a signal of **distress**, (2) emotional **distress**

She has been in great **distress** since she was heartbroken.

sacrifice

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

synonym : forfeit, immolation, gift

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

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

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

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

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

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym : anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym : aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

pawn

n. a piece in the game of chess that can be moved only forward and captured only diagonally; (verb) leave as a guarantee in return for money

synonym : collateral, pledge, security

(1) **pawn** checkmate, (2) **pawn** my jewelry
He used his watch as a **pawn** in the game of chess.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
synonym: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error
This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
synonym: impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble
That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

cite

v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

synonym: quote, mention, note

(1) **cite** various authorities, (2) **cite** a fact as evidence
The devil can **cite** Scripture for his purpose.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd
She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**
Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

scope

n. the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that

synonym: content, coverage, extent

(1) **scope** of a project, (2) have broad **scope**

The **scope** of human thought is diverse.

turmoil

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

synonym: chaos, confusion, disorder

(1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war

The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

dank

adj. unpleasantly damp and musty; (used in slang) considered cool or of high quality, particularly about cannabis and marijuana culture

synonym: musty, damp, humid

(1) **dank** basement, (2) **dank** smell

The old, **dank** cellar was the perfect place for storing wine.

tavern

n. a public place where alcoholic drinks are served

synonym: bar, pub, saloon

(1) drink in a **tavern**, (2) traditional **taverns**

The **tavern** keeper was a friendly man who always had a good joke.

dilapidated

adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition

synonym: rundown, shabby, decaying

(1) **dilapidated** house, (2) **dilapidated** building

The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of **dilapidated** rides.

claustrophobia

n. a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces

(1) overcome **claustrophobia**,

(2) **claustrophobia-inducing**

She suffered from **claustrophobia** and couldn't take elevators.

belly

n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

synonym : stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

sear

v. to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time

synonym : scorch, cook, burn

(1) **sear** tissue using a hot iron, (2) **sear** the memory into your mind

Be careful not to **sear** the meat too long, as it can become tough and chewy.

prose

n. a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme

synonym : narrative, writing, story

(1) **prose** fiction, (2) rhythmical **prose**

The novel was written in **prose**, with no rhyme or meter.

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.

miserable

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

synonym : unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

hinge

n. a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

synonym : joint, pivot

(1) a stiff **hinge**, (2) insecure **hinge**

His involvement is the **hinge** of our plan.

lecherous

adj. having or showing excessive or offensive sexual desire; lustful; prone to immoral behavior or sexual misconduct

synonym : lustful, lewd, licentious

(1) **lecherous** behavior, (2) **lecherous** thoughts

He couldn't help but stare at her with **lecherous** eyes.

nobleman

n. a man of high rank or status

synonym : aristocrat, noble, gentleman

(1) **nobleman** title, (2) a Bohemian **nobleman**

The young **nobleman** lived in a grand palace with high social status.

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.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym : blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym : crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

depravity

n. moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior

synonym: corruption, wickedness, immorality

(1) **depravity** of human nature, (2) moral **depravity**

The **depravity** of the serial killer shocked the nation.

intertwine

v. to twist together or become twisted together

synonym: interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym: miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym: illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

military

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

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

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

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

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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.

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.

ban

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

synonym: forbid, prohibit, restrict

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

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

imperial

adj. relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it

synonym: royal, regal

(1) **imperial** rule, (2) **imperial** palace

The **imperial** palace is now undergoing repairs.

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.

exposure

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

synonym: vulnerability, disclosure, uncovering

(1) a southern **exposure**, (2) the **exposure** of a fraud
The long **exposure** to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress
A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

mock

v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

synonym: gibe (or jibe), make fun of, laugh at

(1) **mock** his accent, (2) **mock** at his misfortune
It is impolite to **mock** fun of an international student's English mistakes.

execution

n. the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

synonym: carrying out, implementation, completion

(1) compulsory **execution**, (2) **execution** by injection
The **execution** of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

pardon

v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

synonym: forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**
The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

czar

n. (also tsar or tzar) a title of rulers or monarchs, especially in Russia, before the Russian Revolution of 1917; an authoritarian or powerful political leader or high-level officeholder

synonym: ruler, sovereign, autocrat

(1) technology **czar**, (2) economic **czar**

The **czar** of healthcare is responsible for improving the quality and accessibility of healthcare for all citizens.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

pessimistic

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

synonym: cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

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?

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

novella

n. a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel

synonym: short novel, long story, narrative

(1) write a **novella**, (2) a **novella** set in a medieval kingdom

I am reading a famous **novella** about a group of friends who go on a road trip.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym: subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

expound

v. to explain or clarify something in detail or with great care; to interpret or elucidate

synonym: explain, clarify, interpret

(1) **expound** theory, (2) **expound** on the subject

The professor spent hours **expounding** on the complexities of quantum physics.

utopian

adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

synonym: idealistic, perfectionistic, unrealistic

(1) **utopian** society, (2) **utopian** goal

He had a **utopian** vision of a world without war.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

contradictory

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

synonym: conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence

His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

conceive

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

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

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

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

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.

thread

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments

on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

synonym: filament, string, yarn

(1) **thread** a catheter, (2) start a new **thread**

The detective followed a **thread** of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym: tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

critique

n. a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation

synonym: review, analysis, appraisal

(1) a **critique** of the social system, (2) devastating **critique**

Following the **critique** from the professor, students rewrite their essays and submit them for final evaluation.

advancement

n. the development, improvement, or progress of something

synonym: progression, breakthrough, improvement

(1) **advancement** of knowledge, (2) career **advancement**
Competition between countries resulted in fast technological **advancement**.

exploit

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

synonym: use, abuse, control

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

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

echo

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym: reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

doctrine

n. a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups

synonym: creed, principle, tenet

(1) religious **doctrine**, (2) **doctrine** of non-violence

The church **doctrine** teaches that all are equal in the eyes of God.

egoist

n. a person who is excessively focused on their interests, needs, or welfare; one who regards self-interest or personal advantage as their main priority

synonym: narcissist, self-centered person

(1) **egoist** behavior, (2) arrogant **egoist**

Her **egoist** nature caused her to lose friends.

utilitarianism

n. the belief that the actions are the right if they are useful or for the benefit of a majority

(1) individualistic **utilitarianism**, (2) institutional **utilitarianism**

Utilitarianism focuses on results and consequences rather than rules.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

intelligence

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

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

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

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

transcend

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

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

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

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

taboo

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

synonym: forbidden, prohibited, proscribed

(1) a **taboo** word, (2) academic **taboo**

In this society, discussing politics in public is a **taboo** subject.

morality

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
synonym : decency, rectitude, righteousness

(1) business **morality**, (2) sense of **morality**

She found fault with the **morality** of politicians.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

moralize

v. to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior

synonym : preach, lecture, sermonize

(1) **moralize** a situation, (2) **moralize** about politics

I don't like it when people try to **moralize** me about my personal choices.

distinctive

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

synonym : characteristic, individual, unique

(1) **distinctive** ability, (2) design to be **distinctive**

His writing style was **distinctive**, with a clear and concise voice.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

synonym : clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

rev *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

gripping *adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions

synonym: captivating, enthralling, engrossing

(1) **gripping** documentary, (2) **gripping** tale

The **gripping** movie had me on the edge of my seat the entire time.

ensue *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

synonym: follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**

A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

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.

redemption *n.* the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil, or the process of regaining or earning something of value

synonym: rescue, salvation, liberation

(1) **redemption** of a loan, (2) a **redemption** bill
He saw his time in prison as an opportunity for **redemption**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. manual la__r | <i>n.</i> productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal |
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| 8. br__d horses | <i>v.</i> to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner |
| 9. enrich my in____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |

ANSWERS: 1. labor, 2. novel, 3. yearn, 4. military, 5. utopian, 6. stark, 7. ruin, 8. breed, 9. intellect

10. the departed sa__t *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
11. a stiff hi__e *n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
12. d__k smell *adj.* unpleasantly damp and musty; (used in slang) considered cool or of high quality, particularly about cannabis and marijuana culture
13. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
14. sa_____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
15. ab____t despair *adj.* extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
16. mu____r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
17. the th____l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
18. int_____ne thread *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
19. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
20. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

ANSWERS: 10. saint, 11. hinge, 12. dank, 13. possibility, 14. satisfy, 15. abject, 16. murder, 17. thrill, 18. intertwine, 19. echo, 20. mere

21. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
22. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
23. th___d a catheter *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
24. rhythmical pr___e *n.* a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
25. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
26. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
27. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
28. do_____ne of non-violence *n.* a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups

ANSWERS: 21. sacrifice, 22. corruptible, 23. thread, 24. prose, 25. possibility, 26. complexity, 27. unthinkable, 28. doctrine

29. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
30. ab___t failure *adj.* extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
31. co____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
32. a cr____ue of the social system *n.* a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation
33. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
34. sa__t statue *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
35. de____ty of human nature *n.* moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior
36. arrogant eg___t *n.* a person who is excessively focused on their interests, needs, or welfare; one who regards self-interest or personal advantage as their main priority
37. con_____ory evidence *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

ANSWERS: 29. evolve, 30. abject, 31. contrast, 32. critique, 33. underground, 34. saint, 35. depravity, 36. egoist, 37. contradictory

38. apparently con_____ory *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
39. gr_____ng documentary *adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions
40. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
41. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
42. p__n my jewelry *n.* a piece in the game of chess that can be moved only forward and captured only diagonally; (verb) leave as a guarantee in return for money
43. traditional ta____ns *n.* a public place where alcoholic drinks are served
44. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
45. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
46. individualistic uti_____ism *n.* the belief that the actions are the right if they are useful or for the benefit of a majority
47. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
48. 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

ANSWERS: 38. contradictory, 39. gripping, 40. bleak, 41. rev, 42. pawn, 43. tavern, 44. complexity, 45. rural, 46. utilitarianism, 47. increasingly, 48. radical

49. sa____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
50. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
51. p__n checkmate *n.* a piece in the game of chess that can be moved only forward and captured only diagonally; (verb) leave as a guarantee in return for money
52. se___l number *adj.* consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents
53. mi_____le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
54. cla_____bia-inducing *n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
55. design to be dis_____ve *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
56. sc__e of a project *n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
57. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
58. ex_____on by injection *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
59. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

ANSWERS: 49. satisfy, 50. bleak, 51. pawn, 52. serial, 53. miserable, 54. claustrophobia, 55. distinctive, 56. scope, 57. innocent, 58. execution, 59. narrative

60. the be__y of the ship *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
61. supplicate for pa___n *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
62. economic c__r *n.* (also tsar or tzar) a title of rulers or monarchs, especially in Russia, before the Russian Revolution of 1917; an authoritarian or powerful political leader or high-level officeholder
63. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
64. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
65. no_____an title *n.* a man of high rank or status
66. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
67. int_____ne story *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
68. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
69. sense of mo_____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
70. red_____on of a loan *n.* the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil, or the process of regaining or earning something of value

ANSWERS: 60. belly, 61. pardon, 62. czar, 63. conceive, 64. exploit, 65. nobleman, 66. evolve, 67. intertwine, 68. shift, 69. morality, 70. redemption

71. eg___t behavior *n.* a person who is excessively focused on their interests, needs, or welfare; one who regards self-interest or personal advantage as their main priority
72. product int_____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
73. 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
74. ar___t the thief *v.* to take into custody
75. religious do_____ne *n.* a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups
76. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
77. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
78. technology c__r *n.* (also tsar or tzar) a title of rulers or monarchs, especially in Russia, before the Russian Revolution of 1917; an authoritarian or powerful political leader or high-level officeholder
79. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
80. m__k his accent *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

ANSWERS: 71. egoist, 72. introductory, 73. discuss, 74. arrest, 75. doctrine, 76. intelligence, 77. moral, 78. czar, 79. contemporary, 80. mock

81. predict what will en__e *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
82. adv_____nt of knowledge *n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something
83. moral de_____ty *n.* moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior
84. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
85. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
86. mi_____le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
87. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
88. a southern ex_____re *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
89. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
90. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 81. ensue, 82. advancement, 83. depravity, 84. desperate, 85. novel, 86. miserable, 87. desperate, 88. exposure, 89. murder, 90. labor

91. ye__n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
92. compulsory ex_____on *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
93. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
94. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
95. have broad sc__e *n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
96. a con_____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
97. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
98. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
99. political tu_____l *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
100. s__r the memory into your mind *v.* to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time
101. 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: 91. yearn, 92. execution, 93. increasingly, 94. ban, 95. scope, 96. convincing, 97. shift, 98. narrative, 99. turmoil, 100. sear, 101. discuss

102. ar___t the progress *v.* to take into custody
103. po_____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
104. mo_____ze a situation *v.* to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior
105. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
106. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
107. academic ta___o *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
108. business mo_____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
109. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
110. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
111. ur___n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
112. im_____al palace *adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it
113. start a new th___d *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

ANSWERS: 102. arrest, 103. portrait, 104. moralize, 105. embrace, 106. release,

107. taboo, 108. morality, 109. poverty, 110. transcend, 111. urban, 112. imperial,
113. thread

114. sp_____al leader	<i>adj.</i> relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
115. institutional uti_____ism	<i>n.</i> the belief that the actions are the right if they are useful or for the benefit of a majority
116. a Bohemian no_____an	<i>n.</i> a man of high rank or status
117. dil_____ed house	<i>adj.</i> in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
118. the tu_____l of the war	<i>n.</i> a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
119. pr__e fiction	<i>n.</i> a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
120. overcome cla_____bia	<i>n.</i> a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
121. re_____e the computer error	<i>v.</i> to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
122. humiliating pun_____nt	<i>n.</i> a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
123. con_____ng biochemical explanation	<i>adj.</i> able to make someone believe that something is true
124. br__d suspicion	<i>v.</i> to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
125. em_____e an opportunity	<i>v.</i> to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

ANSWERS: 114. spiritual, 115. utilitarianism, 116. nobleman, 117. dilapidated, 118. turmoil, 119. prose, 120. claustrophobia, 121. resolve, 122. punishment, 123. convincing, 124. breed, 125. embrace

126. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
127. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
128. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
129. se____l killer *adj.* consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents
130. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
131. emotional di_____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
132. drink in a ta____n *n.* a public place where alcoholic drinks are served
133. d__k basement *adj.* unpleasantly damp and musty; (used in slang) considered cool or of high quality, particularly about cannabis and marijuana culture
134. with an empty be__y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
135. an unt_____le coincidence *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

ANSWERS: 126. spiritual, 127. military, 128. intelligence, 129. serial, 130. exploit, 131. distress, 132. tavern, 133. dank, 134. belly, 135. unthinkable

136. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
137. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
138. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
139. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
140. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
141. take a pes_____ic view of life *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
142. write a no_____a *n.* a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel
143. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
144. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
145. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

ANSWERS: 136. reform, 137. mere, 138. ban, 139. contrast, 140. ruin, 141. pessimistic, 142. novella, 143. attract, 144. contemporary, 145. reform

146. mo__l hazard	<i>adj.</i> concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
147. a ra_____l cure	<i>adj.</i> relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
148. phi_____hy of education	<i>n.</i> the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
149. a home for the el_____y	<i>adj.</i> (a polite word for) old
150. pa___n me	<i>v.</i> to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
151. cor_____le judges	<i>adj.</i> capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
152. insecure hi__e	<i>n.</i> a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
153. gov_____nt funding	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
154. c__e a fact as evidence	<i>v.</i> to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
155. career adv_____nt	<i>n.</i> the development, improvement, or progress of something
156. psy_____gy experiment	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior

ANSWERS: 146. moral, 147. radical, 148. philosophy, 149. elderly, 150. pardon, 151. corruptible, 152. hinge, 153. government, 154. cite, 155. advancement, 156. psychology

157. ut____n goal *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
158. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
159. el____y woman *adj.* (a polite word for) old
160. dis____ve ability *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
161. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
162. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
163. devastating cr____ue *n.* a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation
164. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
165. mo____ze about politics *v.* to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior
166. thousands of in____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
167. ex____d on the subject *v.* to explain or clarify something in detail or with great care; to interpret or elucidate

ANSWERS: 157. utopian, 158. echo, 159. elderly, 160. distinctive, 161. rev, 162. rural, 163. critique, 164. urban, 165. moralize, 166. innocent, 167. expound

168. m__k at his misfortune *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
169. co____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
170. a po____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
171. a signal of di____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
172. tr____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
173. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
174. pun____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
175. c__e various authorities *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
176. a no____a set in a medieval kingdom *n.* a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel
177. a red____on bill *n.* the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil, or the process of regaining or earning something of value
178. im____al rule *adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it
179. gr____ng tale *adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions

ANSWERS: 168. mock, 169. conceive, 170. portrait, 171. distress, 172. transcend, 173. stark, 174. punishment, 175. cite, 176. novella, 177. redemption, 178. imperial, 179. gripping

180. s__r tissue using a hot iron *v.* to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time
181. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
182. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
183. ex_____d theory *v.* to explain or clarify something in detail or with great care; to interpret or elucidate
184. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
185. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
186. en___e within a few years *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
187. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 180. sear, 181. philosophy, 182. introductory, 183. expound, 184. underground, 185. attract, 186. ensue, 187. sacrifice

188. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
189. the ex_____re of a fraud *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
190. dil_____ed building *adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
191. le_____us behavior *adj.* having or showing excessive or offensive sexual desire; lustful; prone to immoral behavior or sexual misconduct
192. le_____us thoughts *adj.* having or showing excessive or offensive sexual desire; lustful; prone to immoral behavior or sexual misconduct
193. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
194. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
195. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
196. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
197. incredible th____l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

ANSWERS: 188. seduce, 189. exposure, 190. dilapidated, 191. lecherous, 192. lecherous, 193. poverty, 194. intellect, 195. release, 196. psychology, 197. thrill

198. a ta__o word *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
199. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
200. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
201. pes_____ic for our survival *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
202. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
203. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
204. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

ANSWERS: 198. taboo, 199. remarkable, 200. remarkable, 201. pessimistic, 202. government, 203. resolve, 204. seduce

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The church _____ teaches that all are equal in the eyes of God.
n. a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups
2. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.
n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
3. _____ focuses on results and consequences rather than rules.
n. the belief that the actions are the right if they are useful or for the benefit of a majority
4. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.
adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
5. She felt _____ after her dog passed away.
adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
6. The _____ movie had me on the edge of my seat the entire time.
adj. engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions
7. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
8. Following the _____ from the professor, students rewrite their essays and submit them for final evaluation.
n. a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation

ANSWERS: 1. doctrine, 2. thrill, 3. Utilitarianism, 4. desperate, 5. miserable, 6. gripping, 7. exploit, 8. critique

9. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

10. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

11. The professor spent hours _____ on the complexities of quantum physics.

v. to explain or clarify something in detail or with great care; to interpret or elucidate

12. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

adv. more and more

13. The faithful follower venerated the _____ relic.

n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

14. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.

adj. of or relating to the countryside

15. The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of _____ rides.

adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition

16. She _____ for the days when things were simpler.

v. to strongly desire or long for something

ANSWERS: 9. spiritual, 10. evolved, 11. expounding, 12. increasingly, 13. saint's, 14. rural, 15. dilapidated, 16. yearned

17. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

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

18. His involvement is the _____ of our plan.

n. a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

19. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

20. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

adj. belonging to the same or present time

21. The old, _____ cellar was the perfect place for storing wine.

adj. unpleasantly damp and musty; (used in slang) considered cool or of high quality, particularly about cannabis and marijuana culture

22. This company _____ its battery problem completely.

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

23. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

24. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

25. Be careful not to _____ the meat too long, as it can become tough and chewy.

v. to char, scorch, or burn the surface of something with intense heat; (of pain or experience) to be deeply felt or remembered over a long time

ANSWERS: 17. moral, 18. hinge, 19. stark, 20. Contemporary, 21. dank, 22. resolves, 23. seduce, 24. underground, 25. sear

26. The vines _____ to form a thick canopy overhead.
v. to twist together or become twisted together
27. She suffered from _____ and couldn't take elevators.
n. a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
28. He had a _____ vision of a world without war.
adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
29. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
30. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.
adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
31. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
32. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
33. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.
v. to take into custody
34. The _____ of the serial killer shocked the nation.
n. moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior

ANSWERS: 26. intertwine, 27. claustrophobia, 28. utopian, 29. conceive, 30. bleak, 31. release, 32. attract, 33. arrest, 34. depravity

35. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
36. The novel was written in _____ with no rhyme or meter.
n. a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
37. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
38. I am reading a famous _____ about a group of friends who go on a road trip.
n. a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel
39. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
40. The _____ poverty in the slums is a concern for the government.
adj. extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
41. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
42. His writing style was _____ with a clear and concise voice.
adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

ANSWERS: 35. breeds, 36. prose, 37. labor, 38. novella, 39. shift, 40. abject, 41. sacrifice, 42. distinctive,

43. She was unduly _____ about her future.

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

44. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

45. The _____ palace is now undergoing repairs.

adj. relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it

46. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

47. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

48. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

49. I found her assertion pretty _____.

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

50. I don't like it when people try to _____ me about my personal choices.

v. to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior

51. That accident was something _____ with my long experience.

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

ANSWERS: 43. pessimistic, 44. poverty, 45. imperial, 46. novel, 47. portrait, 48. innocent, 49. convincing, 50. moralize, 51. unthinkable

52. The _____ keeper was a friendly man who always had a good joke.
n. a public place where alcoholic drinks are served
53. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
54. The detective followed a _____ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.
n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
55. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
56. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
57. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
58. The _____ woman is quite energetic.
adj. (a polite word for) old
59. The devil can ____ Scripture for his purpose.
v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

ANSWERS: 52. tavern, 53. possibility, 54. thread, 55. transcended, 56. contrast, 57. ban, 58. elderly, 59. cite

60. Competition between countries resulted in fast technological _____.
- n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something
61. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
62. Did this response _____ your request?
- v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
63. He used his watch as a _____ in the game of chess.
- n.* a piece in the game of chess that can be moved only forward and captured only diagonally; (verb) leave as a guarantee in return for money
64. She had a tattoo just above her _____ button.
- n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
65. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
66. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
67. He couldn't help but stare at her with _____ eyes.
- adj.* having or showing excessive or offensive sexual desire; lustful; prone to immoral behavior or sexual misconduct

ANSWERS: 60. advancement, 61. psychology, 62. satisfy, 63. pawn, 64. belly, 65. intellect, 66. rev, 67. lecherous

68. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
69. His statements were _____ leaving the audience confused.
- adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
70. 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
71. 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
72. The _____ of human thought is diverse.
- n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
73. 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
74. He saw his time in prison as an opportunity for _____.
- n.* the act of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil, or the process of regaining or earning something of value
75. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
- n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 68. reform, 69. contradictory, 70. narrative, 71. radical, 72. scope, 73. discuss, 74. redemption, 75. punishment

76. The company is launching a new line of _____ products aimed at young adults.
adj. consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents
77. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
78. Ethics is a branch of _____.
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
79. The company experienced financial _____ after the CEO was arrested.
n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
80. It is impolite to _____ fun of an international student's English mistakes.
v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
81. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
82. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally
83. The young _____ lived in a grand palace with high social status.
n. a man of high rank or status
84. She found fault with the _____ of politicians.
n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

ANSWERS: 76. serial, 77. military, 78. philosophy, 79. turmoil, 80. mock, 81. urban, 82. murder, 83. nobleman, 84. morality

85. In this society, discussing politics in public is a _____ subject.

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

86. The long _____ to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

87. 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

88. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

89. Her _____ nature caused her to lose friends.

n. a person who is excessively focused on their interests, needs, or welfare; one who regards self-interest or personal advantage as their main priority

90. She has been in great _____ since she was heartbroken.

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

91. 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

92. He lost the election by _____ votes.

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

93. The woods _____ the house.

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

ANSWERS: 85. taboo, 86. exposure, 87. introductory, 88. echoed, 89. egoist, 90. distress, 91. government, 92. mere, 93. embrace

94. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
95. The _____ of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.
n. the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
96. The _____ of healthcare is responsible for improving the quality and accessibility of healthcare for all citizens.
n. (also tsar or tzar) a title of rulers or monarchs, especially in Russia, before the Russian Revolution of 1917; an authoritarian or powerful political leader or high-level officeholder
97. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
98. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.
v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
99. A power outage _____ after the storm knocked out the electricity.
v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
100. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
101. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

ANSWERS: 94. remarkable, 95. execution, 96. czar, 97. complexity, 98. ruined, 99. ensued, 100. intelligence, 101. corruptible

102. The governor decided to _____ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

- v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime;
(noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

ANSWERS: 102. pardon