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Session 1: Word List

trilogy

n. a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme

synonym : triple, triptych

(1) **trilogy** series, (2) **trilogy** format

The Lord of the Rings **trilogy** is a classic in the fantasy genre.

skyline

n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

synonym : silhouette, cityscape, horizon

(1) **skyline** view, (2) downtown **skyline**

The **skyline** of the city was dotted with tall buildings.

revolve

v. to rotate around a central point

synonym : rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis

The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

thrall

n. a state of being under the control or power of someone or something else; bondage or slavery; a captivated or enthralled state

synonym : slave, captive, prisoner

(1) **thrall** to addiction, (2) keep the people in **thrall**
The cult leader held her followers in **thrall** with her charismatic speeches.

sect

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

synonym: group, faction, cult

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

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

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

symphonic

adj. relating to a large-scale musical composition typically performed by an orchestra; characterized by harmony, coherence, or a sense of unity

synonym: orchestral, musical, harmonic

(1) **symphonic** masterpiece, (2) **symphonic** orchestra

The **symphonic** music filled the concert hall with a stirring sound.

symphony

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

synonym: orchestra, harmony, concert

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

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

poetic

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

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

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

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

condense

v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

synonym: compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor

I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

unpack

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

synonym: dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

monolithic

adj. characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity

synonym: massive, monumental, hulking

(1) **monolithic** block, (2) **monolithic** system

Big technology companies try to integrate customers' data into **monolithic** applications.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

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.

illuminati

n. secret society or group claiming to possess special knowledge or enlightenment, often used to refer to a hypothetical group of influential, powerful people who conspire to control world events; people who claim to possess special understanding or knowledge of a particular subject or concept

synonym: secret society, highbrow, academician

(1) **illuminati** conspiracy, (2) create **illuminati-themed** artwork

The **illuminati** experience in the book represents a transformative journey toward knowledge and enlightenment.

paparazzi

n. (plural of "paparazzo") a group of freelance photographers who doggedly follow, often aggressively, celebrities, public figures, or socialites to take their photographs in the hope of selling them to newspapers, magazines, or media outlets

synonym: photographer, pap, shutterbug

(1) **paparazzi** photos, (2) celebrity **paparazzi**

The actress had to hire security to fend off the relentless **paparazzi** outside her home.

reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym: impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

Reckless youth makes rueful age.

Negro

n. ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States

synonym : African American

(1) **Negro** literature, (2) American **Negro**

They developed **Negro** blues with a lively rhythm.

sculpt

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

synonym : carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

origami

n. the Japanese art or practice of folding paper into decorative shapes and figures

synonym : paper folding, paper art

(1) **origami** paper, (2) **origami** art

I love making **origami** cranes during my free time.

complication

n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

synonym : confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

liftoff

n. the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor

synonym : takeoff, launching, ascent

(1) **liftoff** time, (2) **liftoff** procedure

The spacecraft had a successful **liftoff**, launching into the atmosphere.

spaceflight

n. the act of traveling into space, either by means of crewed or uncrewed spacecraft; the technology and

infrastructure required to support space travel

synonym: space travel, orbital flight

(1) private **spaceflight**, (2) **spaceflight** industry

Spaceflight technology has advanced significantly since the first man landed on the moon in 1969.

portraiture

n. the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography

synonym: portrait, likeness, depiction

(1) **portraits** of famous people, (2) **portraiture** of landscapes

The artist's **portraiture** captured the essence of her subject's character.

crave

v. to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

synonym: desire, yearn, long for

(1) **crave** chocolate, (2) **crave** advice from others

She **craves** success and is always pushing herself to do better.

tightrope

n. a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure

synonym: rope walk, high wire, funambulism

(1) **tightrope** performer, (2) **tightrope** act

The **tightrope** walker balanced precariously above the crowd.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of

this play.

wan

adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

synonym : pale, pallid, ashen

(1) **wan** light, (2) a **wan** smile

His **wan** complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym : believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

flatbed

n. a type of truck or trailer with an open, flat platform for carrying cargo or equipment; a type of scanner or printer that uses a flat, stationary surface to capture or print images

synonym : platform, truck bed, deck

(1) **flatbed** printing, (2) **flatbed** scanner

The construction workers used a **flatbed** truck to transport the heavy materials.

determinant

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

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

unavoidable

adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable

synonym : inevitable, inescapable, certain

(1) an **unavoidable** accident, (2) under **unavoidable** circumstances

There are now fears that war is **unavoidable**.

envisage

v. to imagine and expect something in the future; to plan or forecast something

synonym: imagine, visualize, picture

(1) **envisage** consequences, (2) **envisage** a profit

She **envisaged** a bright future for her children.

flick

v. to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

synonym: snap, tap, flip

(1) **flicker** candle, (2) **flick** through pages

He **flicked** the light switch, and the room was illuminated.

ballast

n. heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support

synonym: weight, stabilizer, counterbalance

(1) **ballast** weight, (2) **ballast** water

The ship's **ballast** helped to keep it stable during the storm.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

serpentine

adj. characterized by twists, turns, or curves shaped like a snake; sly, cunning, or devious in behavior or expression

synonym: twisting, winding, curving

(1) **serpentine** road, (2) **serpentine** design

The **serpentine** river snaked through the lush forest.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

pavilion

n. a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings

synonym : gazebo, kiosk, pagoda

(1) garden **pavilion**, (2) beach **pavilion**

The outdoor wedding reception was held in a beautiful **pavilion** overlooking the lake.

divergent

adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions

synonym : differing, disparate, atypical

(1) follow a **divergent** path, (2) wildly **divergent** results

The prime minister had to reconcile **divergent** opinions on controversial issues like abortion.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym : congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

convergent

adj. tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge

synonym : merging, meeting

(1) **convergent** beam, (2) **convergent** thinking

The similarities between the two cultures suggest **convergent** evolution.

inorganic

adj. being or consisting of nonliving stuff; chemical compounds that contain no or only trace amounts of carbon

(1) **inorganic** acid, (2) **inorganic** nutrition

Inorganic substances include rocks and minerals.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym: militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym: empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

synapse

n. the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it

(1) **synapse** circuit, (2) end at a **synapse**

Animals transmit nerve impulses through **synapses**.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

sermon

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

synonym: homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

exalted

adj. lifted or elevated, especially to a high or noble position; held in high esteem or regarded as superior; characterized by great dignity, honor, or prestige

synonym: noble, elevated, sublime

(1) **exalted** status, (2) **exalted** rank

The **exalted** position of CEO comes with a lot of responsibility.

Session 2: Spelling

1. create ill_____ti-themed artwork *n.* secret society or group claiming to possess special knowledge or enlightenment, often used to refer to a hypothetical group of influential, powerful people who conspire to control world events; people who claim to possess special understanding or knowledge of a particular subject or concept
2. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
3. end at a sy_____e *n.* the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it
4. co_____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
5. ba_____t weight *n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
6. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 1. illuminati, 2. poetic, 3. synapse, 4. converge, 5. ballast, 6. determinant

7. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
8. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
9. li_____f procedure *n.* the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor
10. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
11. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
12. w_n light *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
13. co_____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
14. tr_____y series *n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme
15. mon_____ic block *adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
16. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

ANSWERS: 7. distracted, 8. intimacy, 9. liftoff, 10. protagonist, 11. poetic, 12. wan, 13. conceive, 14. trilogy, 15. monolithic, 16. carve

17. lengthy se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
18. in a re_____ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
19. con_____nt thinking *adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
20. cr__e chocolate *v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
21. en_____ge consequences *v.* to imagine and expect something in the future; to plan or forecast something
22. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
23. co_____se water vapor *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
24. por_____re of landscapes *n.* the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography
25. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
26. ti_____pe performer *n.* a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure

ANSWERS: 17. sermon, 18. reckless, 19. convergent, 20. crave, 21. envisage, 22. hawk, 23. condense, 24. portraiture, 25. protagonist, 26. tightrope

27. a beautiful sy____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
28. sy_____ic orchestra *adj.* relating to a large-scale musical composition typically performed by an orchestra; characterized by harmony, coherence, or a sense of unity
29. technical ma____l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
30. ex_____d status *adj.* lifted or elevated, especially to a high or noble position; held in high esteem or regarded as superior; characterized by great dignity, honor, or prestige
31. resolve without com_____ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
32. downtown sk_____e *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
33. sy_____ic masterpiece *adj.* relating to a large-scale musical composition typically performed by an orchestra; characterized by harmony, coherence, or a sense of unity
34. sc____t prototype *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
35. con_____nt beam *adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge

ANSWERS: 27. symphony, 28. symphonic, 29. marvel, 30. exalted, 31. complication, 32. skyline, 33. symphonic, 34. sculpt, 35. convergent

36. re____e at high speed *v.* to rotate around a central point
37. fl____d printing *n.* a type of truck or trailer with an open, flat platform for carrying cargo or equipment; a type of scanner or printer that uses a flat, stationary surface to capture or print images
38. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
39. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
40. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
41. under una____le circumstances *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
42. sy____e circuit *n.* the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it
43. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
44. sk____e view *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
45. re____e around a central axis *v.* to rotate around a central point

ANSWERS: 36. revolve, 37. flatbed, 38. determinant, 39. sect, 40. hawk, 41. unavoidable, 42. synapse, 43. preach, 44. skyline, 45. revolve

46. an una_____le accident *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
47. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
48. ti_____pe act *n.* a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure
49. on terms of in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
50. ex_____d rank *adj.* lifted or elevated, especially to a high or noble position; held in high esteem or regarded as superior; characterized by great dignity, honor, or prestige
51. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
52. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
53. ser_____ne road *adj.* characterized by twists, turns, or curves shaped like a snake; sly, cunning, or devious in behavior or expression
54. pr____h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
55. ser_____ne design *adj.* characterized by twists, turns, or curves shaped like a snake; sly, cunning, or devious in behavior or expression

ANSWERS: 46. unavoidable, 47. reshape, 48. tightrope, 49. intimacy, 50. exalted, 51. conceive, 52. resonate, 53. serpentine, 54. preach, 55. serpentine

56. co____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
57. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
58. garden pa____on *n.* a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings
59. mon____ic system *adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
60. de____d of life *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
61. cr__e advice from others *v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
62. pa____zi photos *n.* (plural of "paparazzo") a group of freelance photographers who doggedly follow, often aggressively, celebrities, public figures, or socialites to take their photographs in the hope of selling them to newspapers, magazines, or media outlets
63. a sy____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
64. deeply re____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
65. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 56. converge, 57. carve, 58. pavilion, 59. monolithic, 60. devoid, 61. crave, 62. paparazzi, 63. symphony, 64. resonate, 65. weave

66. com_____ion of structure *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
67. spa_____ht industry *n.* the act of traveling into space, either by means of crewed or uncrewed spacecraft; the technology and infrastructure required to support space travel
68. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
69. un___k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
70. ill_____ti conspiracy *n.* secret society or group claiming to possess special knowledge or enlightenment, often used to refer to a hypothetical group of influential, powerful people who conspire to control world events; people who claim to possess special understanding or knowledge of a particular subject or concept
71. wildly di_____nt results *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
72. beach pa_____on *n.* a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings

ANSWERS: 66. complication, 67. spaceflight, 68. weave, 69. unpack, 70. illuminati, 71. divergent, 72. pavilion

73. in_____ic acid *adj.* being or consisting of nonliving stuff; chemical compounds that contain no or only trace amounts of carbon
74. or_____i paper *n.* the Japanese art or practice of folding paper into decorative shapes and figures
75. th____l to addiction *n.* a state of being under the control or power of someone or something else; bondage or slavery; a captivated or enthralled state
76. un____k a concept *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
77. private spa_____ht *n.* the act of traveling into space, either by means of crewed or uncrewed spacecraft; the technology and infrastructure required to support space travel
78. tr_____y format *n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme
79. keep the people in th____l *n.* a state of being under the control or power of someone or something else; bondage or slavery; a captivated or enthralled state
80. ba_____t water *n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support

ANSWERS: 73. inorganic, 74. origami, 75. thrall, 76. unpack, 77. spaceflight, 78. trilogy, 79. thrall, 80. ballast

81. a lay se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
82. fl__k through pages *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
83. fl__ker candle *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
84. American Ne__o *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
85. in_____ic nutrition *adj.* being or consisting of nonliving stuff; chemical compounds that contain no or only trace amounts of carbon
86. a w_n smile *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
87. en_____ge a profit *v.* to imagine and expect something in the future; to plan or forecast something
88. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
89. li_____f time *n.* the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor
90. fl_____d scanner *n.* a type of truck or trailer with an open, flat platform for carrying cargo or equipment; a type of scanner or printer that uses a flat, stationary surface to capture or print images

ANSWERS: 81. sermon, 82. flick, 83. flick, 84. Negro, 85. inorganic, 86. wan, 87. envisage, 88. deem, 89. liftoff, 90. flatbed

91. or____i art *n.* the Japanese art or practice of folding paper into decorative shapes and figures
92. sc____t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
93. Ne__o literature *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
94. re____ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
95. re____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
96. follow a di____nt path *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
97. a ma____l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
98. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
99. co____se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
100. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

ANSWERS: 91. origami, 92. sculpt, 93. Negro, 94. reckless, 95. reshape, 96. divergent, 97. marvel, 98. sect, 99. condense, 100. deem

101. air de___d of pollution

adj. completely lacking or free from something

102. celebrity pa_____zi

n. (plural of "paparazzo") a group of freelance photographers who doggedly follow, often aggressively, celebrities, public figures, or socialites to take their photographs in the hope of selling them to newspapers, magazines, or media outlets

103. por_____res of famous people

n. the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography

104. dis_____ed by a conversation

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

ANSWERS: 101. devoid, 102. paparazzi, 103. portraiture, 104. distracted

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.
adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
2. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
3. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
4. The _____ of the city was dotted with tall buildings.
n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
5. The cult leader held her followers in _____ with her charismatic speeches.
n. a state of being under the control or power of someone or something else; bondage or slavery; a captivated or enthralled state
6. The _____ river snaked through the lush forest.
adj. characterized by twists, turns, or curves shaped like a snake; sly, cunning, or devious in behavior or expression
7. Animals transmit nerve impulses through _____.
n. the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it
8. The construction workers used a _____ truck to transport the heavy materials.
n. a type of truck or trailer with an open, flat platform for carrying cargo or equipment; a type of scanner or printer that uses a flat, stationary surface to capture or print images

ANSWERS: 1. distracted, 2. protagonist's, 3. marvel, 4. skyline, 5. thrall, 6. serpentine, 7. synapses, 8. flatbed

9. The Lord of the Rings _____ is a classic in the fantasy genre.
- n.* a series of three related works, such as books, plays, or movies, that are connected in some way, often by plot, characters, or theme
10. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.
- n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
11. The outdoor wedding reception was held in a beautiful _____ overlooking the lake.
- n.* a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings
12. The prime minister had to reconcile _____ opinions on controversial issues like abortion.
- adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
13. I love making _____ cranes during my free time.
- n.* the Japanese art or practice of folding paper into decorative shapes and figures
14. The ship's _____ helped to keep it stable during the storm.
- n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
15. The actress had to hire security to fend off the relentless _____ outside her home.
- n.* (plural of "paparazzo") a group of freelance photographers who doggedly follow, often aggressively, celebrities, public figures, or socialites to take their photographs in the hope of selling them to newspapers, magazines, or media outlets

ANSWERS: 9. trilogy, 10. intimacy, 11. pavilion, 12. divergent, 13. origami, 14. ballast, 15. paparazzi

16. I need to _____ my suitcase and put my clothes away.
v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
17. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.
v. to change the form or structure of something
18. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
19. The sound _____ well in this theater.
v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound
20. The _____ position of CEO comes with a lot of responsibility.
adj. lifted or elevated, especially to a high or noble position; held in high esteem or regarded as superior; characterized by great dignity, honor, or prestige
21. His ___ complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.
adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
22. He _____ the light switch, and the room was illuminated.
v. to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
23. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

ANSWERS: 16. unpack, 17. reshaped, 18. determinant, 19. resonates, 20. exalted, 21. wan, 22. flicked, 23. carved

24. The room was _____ of any furniture or decorations.

adj. completely lacking or free from something

25. _____ substances include rocks and minerals.

adj. being or consisting of nonliving stuff; chemical compounds that contain no or only trace amounts of carbon

26. She _____ success and is always pushing herself to do better.

v. to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

27. The Earth _____ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

v. to rotate around a central point

28. The spacecraft had a successful _____ launching into the atmosphere.

n. the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor

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. They developed _____ blues with a lively rhythm.

n. ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States

31. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

32. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

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

ANSWERS: 24. devoid, 25. Inorganic, 26. craves, 27. revolves, 28. liftoff, 29. conceive, 30. Negro, 31. preached, 32. sect

33. _____ technology has advanced significantly since the first man landed on the moon in 1969.
- n.* the act of traveling into space, either by means of crewed or uncrewed spacecraft; the technology and infrastructure required to support space travel
34. She _____ a bright future for her children.
- v.* to imagine and expect something in the future; to plan or forecast something
35. The preacher delivered a powerful _____ on the importance of forgiveness.
- n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
36. The similarities between the two cultures suggest _____ evolution.
- adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
37. The artist's _____ captured the essence of her subject's character.
- n.* the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography
38. I need to _____ all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.
- v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
39. The _____ music filled the concert hall with a stirring sound.
- adj.* relating to a large-scale musical composition typically performed by an orchestra; characterized by harmony, coherence, or a sense of unity

ANSWERS: 33. Spaceflight, 34. envisaged, 35. sermon, 36. convergent, 37. portraiture, 38. condense, 39. symphonic

40. _____ youth makes rueful age.

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

41. He spent hours every day _____ figures out of clay.

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

42. The _____ walker balanced precariously above the crowd.

n. a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure

43. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

44. There are now fears that war is _____.

adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable

45. Big technology companies try to integrate customers' data into _____ applications.

adj. characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity

46. The _____ experience in the book represents a transformative journey toward knowledge and enlightenment.

n. secret society or group claiming to possess special knowledge or enlightenment, often used to refer to a hypothetical group of influential, powerful people who conspire to control world events; people who claim to possess special understanding or knowledge of a particular subject or concept

47. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 40. Reckless, 41. sculpting, 42. tightrope, 43. deemed, 44. unavoidable, 45. monolithic, 46. illuminati, 47. weaves

48. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.
- n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
49. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.
- adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
50. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.
- n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
51. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term _____.
- n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
52. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.
- v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

ANSWERS: 48. symphony, 49. poetic, 50. hawk, 51. complications, 52. converge