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Session 1: Word List

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym: giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

blot

v. to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper

synonym: stain, smudge, mar

(1) **blot** my eyes, (2) **blot** anything out of existence

She tried to **blot** out the unpleasant memory with alcohol.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym : occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

confidential

adj. intended to be kept secret

synonym : secret, private, classified

(1) **confidential** information, (2) strictly **confidential** data

The **confidential** documents were only available to authorized personnel.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym : client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym : enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

psychiatry

n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

synonym: mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**

The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

specific

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

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

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

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

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym:

alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price
Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

medical

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

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

registration

n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

synonym: enrollment, registry, record-keeping

(1) **registration** agency, (2) **registration** for a course

The online **registration** process was quick and easy to complete.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

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

puzzling

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

synonym: baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

enigmatic

adj. difficult to understand or explain; mysterious or puzzling

synonym: mysterious, puzzling, cryptic

(1) **enigmatic** smile, (2) **enigmatic** behavior

The **enigmatic** ancient civilization's disappearance remains unsolved.

psychiatric

adj. of or relating to the treatment or study of mental illness or disorders

synonym: mental, psychological, psychotherapeutic

(1) people with **psychiatric** disorders, (2) **psychiatric** hospital

The **psychiatric** evaluation revealed that the patient had been suffering from anxiety.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

empirical

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

synonym: observational, experiential, factual

(1) **empirical** research, (2) **empirical** philosophy

The study's results were based on **empirical** evidence gathered from extensive research.

quantify

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms

synonym: measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow

He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

oriented

adj. referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach

synonym: aligned, directed, focused

(1) **oriented** graph, (2) technology- **oriented**

The company is very customer- **oriented** and strives to provide excellent service.

big-picture

adj. relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something

synonym: holistic, comprehensive, panoramic

(1) **big-picture** thinking, (2) **big-picture** strategy

Climate change is a complex issue that requires a **big-picture** perspective to understand fully.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym: sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym : adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

adapt

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

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

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

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

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym : pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym : decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question
Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced;
(verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym: proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond

The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another;
a large sum of something, such as money

synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

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.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym : also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym : identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

administer

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

synonym : allocate, distribute, dispense

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

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

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

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

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

unlock

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

synonym: open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

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.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

employer

n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

synonym : boss, owner, company

(1) illegal **employer**, (2) **employer** responsibility

An **employer's** attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

prejudice

n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

synonym: bias, preconception, predisposition

(1) deep-rooted **prejudice**, (2) color **prejudice**

This community is free of social **prejudice**.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym: diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

decode

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

synonym: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal

the hidden information.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym : diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

clinic

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

synonym : hospital, infirmary

(1) visit to the veterinary **clinic**, (2) a dental **clinic**

She holds a **clinic** on Tuesday mornings.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym : drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

clinical

adj. of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies

synonym : dispassionate, analytic, scientific

(1) **clinical** surgery, (2) participate in **clinical** trials

She received special **clinical** training at the hospital.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym : contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

disprove

v. to show that something is not true or correct

synonym : refute, discredit, invalidate

(1) **disprove** global warming, (2) **disprove** the conjecture

The researchers were unable to **disprove** the theory.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

valid

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

synonym : proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

standalone

adj. (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently

(1) **standalone** application, (2) **standalone** approach

We never prescribe medication as a **standalone** treatment.

Session 2: Spelling

1. psy_____ic hospital *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or study of mental illness or disorders
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3. nu_____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
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5. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
6. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
7. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
8. technology-or_____ed *adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
9. fl_____le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
10. vi____l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
11. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

ANSWERS: 1. psychiatric, 2. disprove, 3. nuanced, 4. psychology, 5. vary, 6. reputation, 7. medical, 8. oriented, 9. flexible, 10. visual, 11. perceive

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ANSWERS: 12. big-picture, 13. communal, 14. develop, 15. anthropology, 16. imaginative, 17. enigmatic, 18. reduction, 19. standalone, 20. clinical

21. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
22. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
23. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
24. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
25. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
26. horde of mo_____rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
27. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
28. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
29. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
30. re_____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
31. de___e a message *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
32. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

ANSWERS: 21. administer, 22. mass, 23. participate, 24. adapt, 25. insight, 26. monster, 27. plummet, 28. similarly, 29. vary, 30. reliable, 31. decode, 32. imaginative

33. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
34. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
35. my_____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
36. em_____al research *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
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40. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
41. the common but nu_____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
42. a dental cl____c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
43. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 33. remarkable, 34. administer, 35. mystical, 36. empirical, 37. creative, 38. reduction, 39. mass, 40. communal, 41. nuanced, 42. clinic, 43. stick

44. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
45. di____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
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49. rep____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
50. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
51. or____ed graph *adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach

ANSWERS: 44. process, 45. diagnose, 46. assume, 47. speculate, 48. big-picture, 49. reputation, 50. hire, 51. oriented

52. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
53. sta_____ne approach *adj.* (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently
54. reg_____ion for a course *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
55. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
56. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
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58. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
59. a fl_____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
60. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
61. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
62. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
63. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 52. unfortunately, 53. standalone, 54. registration, 55. fascinate, 56. reliable, 57. plummet, 58. transform, 59. flexible, 60. analyze, 61. psychology, 62. interpretation, 63. transform

64. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
65. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
66. pa____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
67. an____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
68. pe____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
69. b__t anything out of existence *v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
70. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
71. share my in____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
72. illegal em____er *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
73. in____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

ANSWERS: 64. specific, 65. pile, 66. patient, 67. analyze, 68. perceive, 69. blot, 70. creative, 71. insight, 72. employer, 73. interpret

74. people with psy_____ic disorders *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or study of mental illness or disorders
75. the yi__d on the bond *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
76. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
77. mo_____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
78. wanted cr_____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
79. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
80. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
81. qu_____fy the results *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
82. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
83. attempted mu____r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
84. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 74. psychiatric, 75. yield, 76. decision, 77. monster, 78. criminal, 79. specific, 80. similarly, 81. quantify, 82. overwhelm, 83. murder, 84. fascinate

85. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
86. di_____ve the conjecture *v.* to show that something is not true or correct
87. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
88. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
89. mu____r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
90. ig____e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
91. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
92. participate in cl_____al trials *adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies
93. di_____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
94. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
95. un____k a door with a key *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
96. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
97. b__t my eyes *v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper

ANSWERS: 85. medical, 86. disprove, 87. distract, 88. suddenly, 89. murder, 90. ignore, 91. controversial, 92. clinical, 93. diagnose, 94. interpret, 95. unlock, 96. universal, 97. blot

98. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
99. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
100. em_____al philosophy *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
101. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
102. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
103. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
104. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
105. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
106. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

ANSWERS: 98. overwhelm, 99. entirely, 100. empirical, 101. mysterious, 102. decision, 103. prop, 104. perception, 105. invention, 106. chart

107. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
108. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
109. a va__d contract *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
110. visit to the veterinary cl___c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
111. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
112. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
113. reg_____ion agency *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
114. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 107. stick, 108. frightening, 109. valid, 110. clinic, 111. adapt, 112. ignore, 113. registration, 114. process

115. un___k value *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
116. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
117. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
118. corn yi__d *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
119. sp_____te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
120. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
121. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
122. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
123. pi_____nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
124. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
125. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
126. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

ANSWERS: 115. unlock, 116. entirely, 117. chart, 118. yield, 119. speculate, 120. suffer, 121. pile, 122. suddenly, 123. pinpoint, 124. invention, 125. massive, 126. delight

127. pa____t in the hospital
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
128. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
129. con_____ial book
adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
130. a ticket va__d for two days
adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
131. em_____er responsibility
n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
132. pu_____ng questions
adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
133. pu_____ng behavior
adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
134. en_____ic behavior
adj. difficult to understand or explain; mysterious or puzzling
135. psy_____ry therapy
n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
136. as___e an important role
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
137. per_____on of a stimulus
n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 127. patient, 128. remarkable, 129. controversial, 130. valid, 131. employer, 132. puzzling, 133. puzzling, 134. enigmatic, 135. psychiatry, 136. assume, 137. perception

138. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
139. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
140. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
141. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
142. my_____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
143. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
144. ability to de___e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
145. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime

ANSWERS: 138. universal, 139. develop, 140. prop, 141. suffer, 142. mystical, 143. anthropology, 144. decode, 145. criminal

146. con_____ial information	<i>adj.</i> intended to be kept secret
147. strictly con_____ial data	<i>adj.</i> intended to be kept secret
148. deep-rooted pr_____ce	<i>n.</i> a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
149. par_____te in the program	<i>v.</i> to take part in something
150. fri_____ng experience	<i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
151. color pr_____ce	<i>n.</i> a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
152. biological psy_____ry	<i>n.</i> the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
153. field of vi___l arts	<i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight
154. di_____ct attention from the real issue	<i>v.</i> to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
155. with de_____t	<i>n.</i> a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
156. ma_____e amounts	<i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid
157. pi_____nt the problem	<i>v.</i> to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
158. unf_____ely caught in a shower	<i>adv.</i> by bad luck; unluckily
159. h__e a guide	<i>v.</i> to give somebody a job

ANSWERS: 146. confidential, 147. confidential, 148. prejudice, 149. participate, 150. frightening, 151. prejudice, 152. psychiatry, 153. visual, 154. distract, 155. delight, 156. massive, 157. pinpoint, 158. unfortunately, 159. hire

160. qu____fy blood flow

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms

161. mys_____us object

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

162. the int_____ion of history

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

ANSWERS: 160. quantify, 161. mysterious, 162. interpretation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This car has a _____ engine.
n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
2. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
3. An _____ attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.
n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
4. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
5. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
6. She tried to _____ out the unpleasant memory with alcohol.
v. to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
7. The company's stock gives a high _____.
n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

ANSWERS: 1. monster, 2. universal, 3. employer's, 4. participated, 5. stick, 6. blot, 7. yield

8. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
9. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
- adj.* relating to seeing or sight
10. Climate change is a complex issue that requires a _____ perspective to understand fully.
- adj.* relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something
11. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
- n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
12. The detective found the clues _____ and couldn't solve the case immediately.
- adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
13. The researchers were unable to _____ the theory.
- v.* to show that something is not true or correct
14. While meditating, he had a _____ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.
- adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
15. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 8. insights, 9. visual, 10. big-picture, 11. patient's, 12. puzzling, 13. disprove, 14. mystical, 15. remarkable

16. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

17. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

18. Different people might _____ this news differently.

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

19. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.

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

20. He tried to _____ the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms

21. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

22. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.

n. a person who has committed a crime

23. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

ANSWERS: 16. flexible, 17. piles, 18. interpret, 19. administer, 20. quantify, 21. process, 22. criminal, 23. perceived

24. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

25. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

26. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

27. This pie _____ represents our market share.

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

28. The software could _____ the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

29. We have finally lost our last _____.

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

30. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

31. She received special _____ training at the hospital.

adj. of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies

ANSWERS: 24. entirely, 25. reliable, 26. fascinated, 27. chart, 28. decode, 29. prop, 30. assumes, 31. clinical

32. The ____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
33. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
34. Who answers _____ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
35. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
36. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
37. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
38. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
- n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
39. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 32. mass, 33. suffers, 34. suddenly, 35. Communal, 36. decision, 37. invention, 38. delight, 39. anthropology

40. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.

- v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

41. She is a hard worker but not very _____.

- adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

42. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

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

43. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

- v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

44. This community is free of social _____.

- n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

45. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

46. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.

- n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

47. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

- v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 40. overwhelm, 41. imaginative, 42. adapt, 43. analyze, 44. prejudice, 45. develop, 46. reputation, 47. ignored

48. The online _____ process was quick and easy to complete.
n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
49. The customs officer required the traveler to _____ his suitcase.
v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
50. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
51. The field of _____ is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.
n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
52. The company is very customer-_____ and strives to provide excellent service.
adj. referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
53. His _____ of literary works are often unique.
n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
54. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.
adv. in almost the same way

ANSWERS: 48. registration, 49. unlock, 50. specific, 51. psychiatry, 52. oriented, 53. interpretations, 54. similarly

55. Your credit card is no longer _____.

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

56. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

57. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

58. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

59. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

60. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

61. The _____ documents were only available to authorized personnel.

adj. intended to be kept secret

62. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

63. She holds a _____ on Tuesday mornings.

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

ANSWERS: 55. valid, 56. unfortunately, 57. reduction, 58. transformed, 59. psychology, 60. hire, 61. confidential, 62. vary, 63. clinic

64. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

65. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

66. We never prescribe medication as a _____ treatment.

adj. (of computer hardware or software) able to operate the system without being connected to other hardware or software; (also stand-alone) capable of working independently

67. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

68. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

69. The _____ evaluation revealed that the patient had been suffering from anxiety.

adj. of or relating to the treatment or study of mental illness or disorders

70. This radar quickly _____ the position of the enemy.

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

71. The study's results were based on _____ evidence gathered from extensive research.

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

ANSWERS: 64. controversial, 65. murder, 66. standalone, 67. mysterious, 68. distract, 69. psychiatric, 70. pinpoints, 71. empirical

72. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
73. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.
n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
74. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
75. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.
v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
76. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
77. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
78. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
79. The _____ ancient civilization's disappearance remains unsolved.
adj. difficult to understand or explain; mysterious or puzzling

ANSWERS: 72. plummeted, 73. perception, 74. massive, 75. speculated, 76. medical, 77. creative, 78. frightening, 79. enigmatic

80. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

81. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

ANSWERS: 80. nuanced, 81. diagnose