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Session 1: Word List

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

disclaim

v. to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something

synonym : deny, reject, disavow

(1) **disclaim** his rights, (2) **disclaim** ownership

The company had to state to **disclaim** any responsibility for the faulty product and to offer refunds to affected customers.

resigned

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

synonym : submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate

She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

capacitate

v. to give the ability or power to do something; to enable or qualify; to prepare something or someone for a particular use or purpose

synonym : enable, empower, prepare

(1) **capacitate** students, (2) **capacitate** the team

The new rehabilitation program aimed to **capacitate** patients with disabilities to live independently.

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.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym : self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody

entrepreneurship

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym : upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

hinge

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

synonym : joint, pivot

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

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

inflection

n. a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories

synonym : accent, intonation, modulation

(1) **inflection** in voice, (2) **inflection** pattern

The linguist studied the **inflection** of the language's inflection in speech.

defile

v. to pollute, contaminate, or make impure, often in a moral or religious sense; to violate or desecrate something sacred or cherished

synonym : pollute, taint, contaminate

(1) **defile** a river, (2) **defile** the land

The vandals **defiled** the church by spray-painting graffiti on the walls.

visionary

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

synonym : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

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

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

intellect

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

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym : daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

taint

v. to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element

synonym : corrupt, infect, spoil

(1) **taint** the government, (2) **taint** the atmosphere worldwide

The scandal will **taint** his reputation for years to come.

throwaway

adj. designed to be used only once and then discarded

synonym : disposable, one-time-use, expendable

(1) **throwaway** item, (2) **throwaway** culture

Throwaway plastic containers are causing a major environmental issue.

fray

v. to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict

synonym : tangle, brawl, skirmish

(1) **fray** tempers, (2) **fray** our relationship

The edges of the old blanket had started to **fray**, so I decided to sew them up.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym : scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

rev

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

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

remittance

n. the act of sending money or paying a debt; a sum of money sent as payment or as a gift

synonym : payment, transfer, remittal

(1) electronic **remittance**, (2) monthly **remittance**

The **remittance** of the payment was delayed due to a technical error.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

entrench

v. to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area

synonym : establish, fortify, secure

(1) **entrench** power, (2) **entrench** beliefs

The general tried to **entrench** his troops on the hill to avoid the attack.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym : nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

corruptible

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

synonym : bribable, dishonest, venal

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

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

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym : occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

inefficiency

n. the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

synonym : ineffectiveness, inefficacy, inadequacy

(1) **inefficiency** in the system, (2) bureaucratic **inefficiency**

The company's **inefficiency** in handling customer requests led to many complaints.

stagnation

n. the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement

synonym : inactivity, idleness, sluggishness

(1) economic **stagnation**, (2) population **stagnation**

The company's lack of innovation has led to **stagnation** and declining profits.

amass

v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

synonym: gather, collect, accumulate

(1) **amass** a patent portfolio, (2) **amass** followers

She had **amassed** a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

deft

adj. skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

synonym: skillful, dexterous, adept

(1) **deft** handling of the problem, (2) **deft** touch

The **deft** musician played the complex piece flawlessly.

palatable

adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

synonym: delicious, tasty, flavorful

(1) **palatable** food, (2) **palatable** solution

I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly **palatable**.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

shirk

v. to avoid or neglect one's responsibilities or duties; to evade or dodge something that one is expected or

required to do

synonym : avoid, dodge, evade

(1) **shirk** moral obligation, (2) **shirk** their duties

I can't **shirk** my work responsibilities, even when taking a break is tempting.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym : affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym : enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym : pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a

virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

straighten

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

synonym: even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

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.

impart

v. to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

synonym: pass on, give, bestow

(1) **impart** a secret, (2) **impart** basic knowledge

She had knowledge she couldn't wait to **impart**.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym: entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

gatekeeper

n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

synonym: guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**

The company's **gatekeeper** **screened** all incoming phone

calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

entail

v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

synonym: involve, necessitate, require

(1) **entail** legal consequences, (2) **entail** risks
The job offer **entails** a lot of responsibility and hard work.

inaudible

adj. unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard

synonym: unhearable, faint, unheard

(1) **inaudible** whisper, (2) **inaudible** sound

The speaker's voice was **inaudible** over the background noise.

mediocrity

n. the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal

synonym: averageness, ordinariness, unoriginality

(1) sink into **mediocrity**, (2) escape **mediocrity**

He was content with living a life of **mediocrity**.

benevolent

adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

synonym: kindly, compassionate, philanthropic

(1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual

The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

savior

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

synonym : hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. di_____im his rights
v. to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something
2. gat_____er role
n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
3. th_____ay item
adj. designed to be used only once and then discarded
4. am__s a patent portfolio
v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
5. a ben_____nt individual
adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
6. pa_____le food
adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
7. 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
8. embody ent_____hip
n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

ANSWERS: 1. disclaim, 2. gatekeeper, 3. throwaway, 4. amass, 5. benevolent, 6. palatable, 7. weave, 8. entrepreneurship

9. for_____le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
10. 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
11. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
12. sh__k their duties *v.* to avoid or neglect one's responsibilities or duties; to evade or dodge something that one is expected or required to do
13. str_____en a crooked picture *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
14. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
15. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
16. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
17. ine_____ncy in the system *n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

ANSWERS: 9. formidable, 10. weave, 11. rev, 12. shirk, 13. straighten, 14. hopeless, 15. rot, 16. hopeless, 17. inefficiency

18. political sa___r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
19. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
20. up___t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
21. economic sta_____on *n.* the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement
22. di_____im ownership *v.* to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something
23. in_____le sound *adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
24. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
25. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
26. a stiff hi__e *n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

ANSWERS: 18. savior, 19. prioritize, 20. uplift, 21. stagnation, 22. disclaim, 23. inaudible, 24. sub-Saharan, 25. livelihood, 26. hinge

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| 27. insecure hi__e | <i>n.</i> | a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close |
| 28. en___h a gas with a balloon | <i>v.</i> | to make better or improve in quality by adding something else |
| 29. population sta_____on | <i>n.</i> | the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement |
| 30. human in_____ct | <i>n.</i> | the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 31. inf_____on pattern | <i>n.</i> | a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories |
| 32. a di_____or with enormous powers | <i>n.</i> | a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force |
| 33. prophet of d__m | <i>n.</i> | death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided |
| 34. status q_o politician | <i>n.</i> | the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue |
| 35. sh__k moral obligation | <i>v.</i> | to avoid or neglect one's responsibilities or duties; to evade or dodge something that one is expected or required to do |

ANSWERS: 27. hinge, 28. enrich, 29. stagnation, 30. intellect, 31. inflection, 32. dictator, 33. doom, 34. quo, 35. shirk

36. te__t young people *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
37. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
38. in_____le whisper *adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
39. en___h public services *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
40. f__y our relationship *v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict
41. en_____ch beliefs *v.* to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
42. te__t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
43. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
44. en_____ch power *v.* to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
45. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

ANSWERS: 36. tempt, 37. rot, 38. inaudible, 39. enrich, 40. fray, 41. entrench, 42. tempt, 43. disrupt, 44. entrench, 45. discotheque

46. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
47. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
48. with a re_____ed voice *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
49. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
50. re_____ed to their fate *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
51. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
52. escape med_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal
53. sink into med_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal
54. ap___y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
55. pa_____le solution *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

ANSWERS: 46. infect, 47. dictator, 48. resigned, 49. infect, 50. resigned, 51. doom, 52. mediocrity, 53. mediocrity, 54. apathy, 55. palatable

56. inf_____on in voice *n.* a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories
57. electronic rem_____ce *n.* the act of sending money or paying a debt; a sum of money sent as payment or as a gift
58. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
59. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
60. ta__t the government *v.* to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element
61. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
62. bureaucratic ine_____ncy *n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
63. ine_____nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
64. up___t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

ANSWERS: 56. inflection, 57. remittance, 58. disrupt, 59. quo, 60. taint, 61. corruptible, 62. inefficiency, 63. inefficient, 64. uplift

65. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
66. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
67. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
68. pray to the sa____r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
69. information gat_____er *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
70. de____e the land *v.* to pollute, contaminate, or make impure, often in a moral or religious sense; to violate or desecrate something sacred or cherished
71. di_____ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
72. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
73. str_____en out a problem *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
74. monthly rem_____ce *n.* the act of sending money or paying a debt; a sum of money sent as payment or as a gift

ANSWERS: 65. visionary, 66. sub-Saharan, 67. disgust, 68. savior, 69. gatekeeper, 70. defile, 71. diaspora, 72. disgust, 73. straighten, 74. remittance

75. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
76. ben_____nt gesture *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
77. di_____ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
78. en___l legal consequences *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
79. ta__t the atmosphere worldwide *v.* to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element
80. im___t basic knowledge *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
81. en___l risks *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
82. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
83. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
84. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 75. inefficient, 76. benevolent, 77. diaspora, 78. entail, 79. taint, 80. impart, 81. entail, 82. entrepreneurship, 83. frightening, 84. frightening

85. de___e a river
v. to pollute, contaminate, or make impure, often in a moral or religious sense; to violate or desecrate something sacred or cherished
86. enrich my in_____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
87. vi_____ry business
adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
88. political ap___y
n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
89. pri_____ze tasks
v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
90. r_v up the crowd
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
91. f__y tempers
v. to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict
92. cap_____te students
v. to give the ability or power to do something; to enable or qualify; to prepare something or someone for a particular use or purpose
93. cap_____te the team
v. to give the ability or power to do something; to enable or qualify; to prepare something or someone for a particular use or purpose

ANSWERS: 85. defile, 86. intellect, 87. visionary, 88. apathy, 89. prioritize, 90. rev, 91. fray, 92. capacitate, 93. capacitate

94. im___t a secret *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
95. dis_____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
96. for_____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
97. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
98. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
99. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
100. d__t handling of the problem *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
101. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
102. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
103. d__t touch *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

ANSWERS: 94. impart, 95. discotheque, 96. formidable, 97. corruptible, 98. dissolve, 99. stereotype, 100. deft, 101. dissolve, 102. empower, 103. deft

104. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
105. th_____ay culture *adj.* designed to be used only once and then discarded
106. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
107. am__s followers *v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
108. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 104. livelihood, 105. throwaway, 106. empower, 107. amass, 108. stereotype

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

2. The job offer _____ a lot of responsibility and hard work.
v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

3. The company's lack of innovation has led to _____ and declining profits.
n. the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement

4. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

5. The general tried to _____ his troops on the hill to avoid the attack.
v. to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area

6. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.
adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

7. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 1. sub-Saharan, 2. entails, 3. stagnation, 4. frightening, 5. entrench, 6. hopeless, 7. prioritized

8. I can't _____ my work responsibilities, even when taking a break is tempting.
v. to avoid or neglect one's responsibilities or duties; to evade or dodge something that one is expected or required to do
9. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.
n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
10. The _____ of the payment was delayed due to a technical error.
n. the act of sending money or paying a debt; a sum of money sent as payment or as a gift
11. The company's _____ all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.
n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
12. The _____ musician played the complex piece flawlessly.
adj. skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
13. I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly _____.
adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
14. Though he was evil, he never _____ his friends into wrongdoing.
v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

ANSWERS: 8. shirk, 9. uplift, 10. remittance, 11. gatekeeper screened, 12. deft, 13. palatable, 14. tempted

15. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will ____.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
16. Everyone was aware of the impending ____ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
17. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.
- adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
18. The speaker's voice was _____ over the background noise.
- adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
19. I could no longer earn my own _____.
- n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
20. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.
- adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
21. The linguist studied the _____ of the language's inflection in speech.
- n.* a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories
22. The guru of that religion thought of himself as a _____.
- n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

ANSWERS: 15. rot, 16. doom, 17. formidable, 18. inaudible, 19. livelihood, 20. inefficient, 21. inflection, 22. savior

23. His involvement is the _____ of our plan.
- n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
24. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
25. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.
- v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
26. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
27. The vandals _____ the church by spray-painting graffiti on the walls.
- v.* to pollute, contaminate, or make impure, often in a moral or religious sense; to violate or desecrate something sacred or cherished
28. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
- adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
29. 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
30. She had knowledge she couldn't wait to _____.
- v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

ANSWERS: 23. hinge, 24. empowered, 25. enriches, 26. stereotypes, 27. defiled, 28. visionary, 29. weaves, 30. impart

31. She had _____ a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

- v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

32. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.

- v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

33. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.

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

34. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.

- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

35. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

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

36. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.

- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

37. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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

38. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.

- n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

ANSWERS: 31. amassed, 32. infect, 33. corruptible, 34. dictator, 35. rev, 36. quo, 37. intellect, 38. disgust

39. I need to _____ my hair before I go to the party.
v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
40. _____ plastic containers are causing a major environmental issue.
adj. designed to be used only once and then discarded
41. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
42. The _____ donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.
adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
43. He was content with living a life of _____.
n. the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal
44. The _____ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.
n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
45. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
46. The company's _____ in handling customer requests led to many complaints.
n. the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

ANSWERS: 39. straighten, 40. Throwaway, 41. discotheque, 42. benevolent, 43. mediocrity, 44. diaspora, 45. dissolved, 46. inefficiency

47. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

- v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

48. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.

- n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

49. The scandal will _____ his reputation for years to come.

- v. to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element

50. The new rehabilitation program aimed to _____ patients with disabilities to live independently.

- v. to give the ability or power to do something; to enable or qualify; to prepare something or someone for a particular use or purpose

51. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.

- n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

52. The company had to state to _____ any responsibility for the faulty product and to offer refunds to affected customers.

- v. to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something

53. The edges of the old blanket had started to _____ so I decided to sew them up.

- v. to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict

ANSWERS: 47. disrupt, 48. apathy, 49. taint, 50. capacitate, 51. entrepreneurship, 52. disclaim, 53. fray,

54. She had a _____ look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

ANSWERS: 54. resigned