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Session 1: Word List

stroll

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

synonym: amble, roam, mope

(1) **stroll** across a street, (2) **stroll** through the countryside
We could **stroll** into town if you like.

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym: display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent
Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

striking

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

synonym: arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence
The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

synonym: animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors
A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

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.

induce

v. to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner

synonym: cause, encourage, persuade

(1) **induce** a crisis, (2) **induce** him to see a doctor

The lack of sleep **induces** both physical and psychological diseases.

pollutant

n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil

synonym: contaminant, toxic substance

(1) noxious **pollutant**, (2) water **pollutant**

The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant **pollutant** in the area.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

replica

n. an exact copy of something such as a work of art

synonym: imitation, reproduction, replication

(1) miniature **replica**, (2) exact **replica**

An artist sculpted a full-size **replica** of her body.

grade

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

synonym: score, rate, degree

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

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

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

fairy

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

synonym: sprite, pixie, elf

(1) **fairy** tale, (2) a water **fairy**

The mischievous **fairy** flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

intent

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

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

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

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

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.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym: throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

philosophy

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

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

consensus

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

synonym : agreement, accord, harmony

(1) a public **consensus**, (2) **consensus** among scientists

The two parties have reached a **consensus**.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym : beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity

Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

irrelevant

adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important

synonym : unrelated, immaterial, extrinsic

(1) an **irrelevant** thought, (2) do something **irrelevant**

They removed **irrelevant** content from the slides.

intentional

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent
synonym : deliberate, intended, preplanned

(1) **intentional** destruction of evidence, (2) an **intentional** walk

The law distinguishes between accidental and **intentional** killing.

fallacy

n. a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

synonym : falsity, misconception, delusion

(1) **fallacy** of logic, (2) belief in a **fallacy**

Many people cling to the **fallacy** that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

misguided

adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

synonym : mistaken, wrong, erring

(1) **misguided** policies, (2) a **misguided** sense of duty

His **misguided** attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

twofold

adj. consisting of two parts or aspects; doubled in size, quantity, or degree

synonym : doubled, dual, twinned

(1) **twofold** approach, (2) **twofold** difference

The **twofold** increase in sales was unexpected but welcomed by the company.

unavailable

adj. not able to be used or accessed; not present, able to be found, or able to be contacted

synonym : inaccessible, unobtainable, out of reach

(1) **unavailable** resource, (2) **unavailable** option

The professor is currently **unavailable** but will respond to your email as soon as possible

bounty

n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

synonym : reward, premium, recompense

(1) cash **bounty**, (2) a **bounty** on exports

The **bounty** hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym : pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

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.

dessert

n. a sweet food served as the last course of a meal

synonym : sweet, cake, confection

(1) **dessert** knife, (2) easy **dessert** recipe

Let's go to an all-you-can-eat **dessert** restaurant.

chef

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
synonym: cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**

The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

flavor

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

synonym: taste, savor, essence

(1) a delicate **flavor**, (2) **flavor** enhancer

The **flavor** of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym: request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

problematic

adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

synonym: inappropriate, inconvenient, worrisome

(1) a **problematic** situation, (2) seems to be highly **problematic**

Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving **problematic** situations within a community.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym: grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

verse

n. a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme

synonym: poetry, rhyme, stanza

(1) cited **verse**, (2) **verse** play

The poet recited a **verse** from her latest collection.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym: ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym: strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

coincidence

n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

synonym: co-occurrence, concurrency, accident

(1) the **coincidence** of an opinion, (2) by a strange **coincidence**

It was a pure **coincidence** that we met her in the library.

advocate

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

synonym: proponent, exponent, promoter

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

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

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

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

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

stance

n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

synonym: attitude, standpoint, viewpoint

(1) change her **stance**, (2) the batting **stance**

He continued to support her political **stance**.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym: alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the

input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

cigarette

n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

synonym : smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

motivation

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

synonym : inspiration, incentive, reason

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

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

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

synonym : read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym : range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym: skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

definitive

adj. serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed

synonym: conclusive, final, decisive

(1) **definitive** answer, (2) a **definitive** edition

The study provided **definitive** proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.

Session 2: Spelling

1. en____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
2. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
3. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
4. fl____r enhancer *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
5. an ad____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
6. ro____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
7. master c__f *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
8. st____l across a street *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
9. an irr____nt thought *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
10. in____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
11. an ap____l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

ANSWERS: 1. engaging, 2. grade, 3. interpretation, 4. flavor, 5. advocate, 6. romantic, 7. chef, 8. stroll, 9. irrelevant, 10. interpret, 11. appeal

12. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
13. cash bo___y *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
14. a public co_____us *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
15. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
16. draw out your ap___l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
17. st___l through the countryside *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
18. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
19. a mild ci_____te *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
20. easy de_____t recipe *n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
21. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
22. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

ANSWERS: 12. argue, 13. bounty, 14. consensus, 15. spectrum, 16. appeal, 17. stroll, 18. romantic, 19. cigarette, 20. dessert, 21. symbol, 22. motivation

23. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
24. una_____le resource *adj.* not able to be used or accessed; not present, able to be found, or able to be contacted
25. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
26. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
27. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
28. int_____al destruction of evidence *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
29. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
30. an ar_____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
31. def_____ve answer *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
32. una_____le option *adj.* not able to be used or accessed; not present, able to be found, or able to be contacted
33. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 23. puzzle, 24. unavailable, 25. relevance, 26. engaging, 27. relevance, 28. intentional, 29. sight, 30. artistic, 31. definitive, 32. unavailable, 33. argument

34. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
35. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
36. a blazing ar____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
37. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
38. water po____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
39. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
40. cultural and ar____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
41. di____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
42. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
43. immune fu____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 34. suppose, 35. sand, 36. argument, 37. interpretation, 38. pollutant, 39.

complexity, 40. artistic, 41. distract, 42. dot, 43. function

44. ex____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
45. change her st____e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
46. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
47. an int_____al walk *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
48. cited ve__e *n.* a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme
49. belief in a fa____y *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
50. ve__e play *n.* a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme
51. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
52. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
53. fa__y tale *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

ANSWERS: 44. exhibit, 45. stance, 46. lean, 47. intentional, 48. verse, 49. fallacy, 50. verse, 51. intention, 52. philosophy, 53. fairy

54. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
55. di_____e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
56. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
57. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
58. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
59. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
60. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
61. tw_____d approach *adj.* consisting of two parts or aspects; doubled in size, quantity, or degree
62. a delicate fl___r *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
63. a def_____ve edition *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
64. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
65. variety of vi_____t colors *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 54. advocate, 55. dictate, 56. proof, 57. motivation, 58. spectrum, 59. intent, 60. possibility, 61. twofold, 62. flavor, 63. definitive, 64. odd, 65. vibrant

66. st_____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
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76. in___e a crisis *v.* to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
77. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
78. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
79. a mi_____ed sense of duty *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
80. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
81. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
82. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
83. modern po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
84. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
85. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 76. induce, 77. poem, 78. poem, 79. misguided, 80. debate, 81. distract, 82. ultimate, 83. poetry, 84. settle, 85. argue

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91. a water fa__y *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
92. the batting st____e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
93. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
94. the coi____ce of an opinion *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
95. book of po____y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
96. sy____l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
97. de____t knife *n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal

ANSWERS: 86. suppose, 87. proof, 88. dot, 89. chef, 90. striking, 91. fairy, 92. stance, 93. ultimate, 94. coincidence, 95. poetry, 96. symbol, 97. dessert

98. exact re____a *n.* an exact copy of something such as a work of art
99. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
100. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
101. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
102. a pro_____ic situation *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
103. mi_____ed policies *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
104. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
105. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
106. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 98. replica, 99. intention, 100. logic, 101. critic, 102. problematic, 103. misguided, 104. function, 105. discovery, 106. possibility

107. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
108. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
109. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
110. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement or disagreement
111. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
112. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
113. t__s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
114. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
115. di_____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
116. tw_____d difference *adj.* consisting of two parts or aspects; doubled in size, quantity, or degree
117. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 107. complexity, 108. odd, 109. philosophy, 110. settle, 111. exhibit, 112. puzzle, 113. toss, 114. contemporary, 115. dictate, 116. twofold, 117. conversation

118. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
119. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
120. miniature re____a *n.* an exact copy of something such as a work of art
121. by a strange coi____ce *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
122. re__t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
123. fa____y of logic *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
124. de__e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
125. con____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
126. re__t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
127. a ci____te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

ANSWERS: 118. grade, 119. logic, 120. replica, 121. coincidence, 122. reject, 123. fallacy, 124. debate, 125. contemporary, 126. reject, 127. cigarette

128. t__s the bottle into a trash can *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
129. in___e him to see a doctor *v.* to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
130. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
131. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
132. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
133. a city vi____t with life *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
134. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
135. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
136. in__t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 128. toss, 129. induce, 130. sand, 131. convinced, 132. sight, 133. vibrant, 134. convinced, 135. interpret, 136. intent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It was his first _____ love.
adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
2. The _____ hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.
n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
3. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
4. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.
adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
5. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
6. An artist sculpted a full-size _____ of her body.
n. an exact copy of something such as a work of art
7. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
8. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.
n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

ANSWERS: 1. romantic, 2. bounty, 3. rejected, 4. vibrant, 5. complexity, 6. replica, 7. spectrum, 8. sand

9. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
10. The study provided _____ proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.
adj. serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
11. The mischievous _____ flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.
n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
12. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
13. The poet recited a _____ from her latest collection.
n. a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme
14. The two parties have reached a _____.
n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
15. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
adj. belonging to the same or present time
16. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 9. debate, 10. definitive, 11. fairy, 12. critics, 13. verse, 14. consensus, 15. Contemporary, 16. possibility

17. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
18. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
- v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
19. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.
- v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
20. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
- n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
21. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.
- n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
22. The law distinguishes between accidental and _____ killing.
- adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
23. Let's go to an all-you-can-eat _____ restaurant.
- n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
24. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
- n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

ANSWERS: 17. intent, 18. distract, 19. exhibit, 20. Advocates, 21. poetry, 22. intentional, 23. dessert, 24. motivation

25. The allies _____ the terms of surrender to the country.
v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
26. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
27. He continued to support her political _____.
n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
28. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
29. It was a pure _____ that we met her in the library.
n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
30. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.
adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
31. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
32. The _____ of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.
n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

ANSWERS: 25. dictated, 26. conversation, 27. stance, 28. poem, 29. coincidence, 30. artistic, 31. symbol, 32. flavor

33. He lit a _____ and leaned against the wall.
n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
34. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
35. We could _____ into town if you like.
v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
36. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
37. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
38. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
39. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
40. His _____ of literary works are often unique.
n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
41. His _____ attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.
adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

ANSWERS: 33. cigarette, 34. discovery, 35. stroll, 36. argue, 37. suppose, 38. grade, 39. argument, 40. interpretations, 41. misguided

42. The lack of sleep _____ both physical and psychological diseases.
v. to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
43. The _____ increase in sales was unexpected but welcomed by the company.
adj. consisting of two parts or aspects; doubled in size, quantity, or degree
44. Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving _____ situations within a community.
adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
45. Ethics is a branch of _____.
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
46. They removed _____ content from the slides.
adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
47. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
48. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
49. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
50. The professor is currently _____ but will respond to your email as soon as possible
adj. not able to be used or accessed; not present, able to be found, or able to be contacted

ANSWERS: 42. induces, 43. twofold, 44. problematic, 45. philosophy, 46. irrelevant, 47. settle, 48. relevance, 49. ultimate, 50. unavailable

51. The _____ at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.
n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
52. There's no _____ in his description.
n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
53. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
54. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
55. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
56. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.
v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion
57. Many people cling to the _____ that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.
n. a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
58. _____ is better than argument.
n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

ANSWERS: 51. chef, 52. logic, 53. function, 54. Lean, 55. dots, 56. tossed, 57. fallacy, 58. Proof

59. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

60. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

61. The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant _____ in the area.

n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil

62. His grandfather was an ____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

63. Different people might _____ this news differently.

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

64. The two plays have many _____ parallels.

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

65. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

66. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

ANSWERS: 59. engaging, 60. sights, 61. pollutant, 62. odd, 63. interpret, 64. striking, 65. convinced, 66. appeal

67. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

68. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

ANSWERS: 67. puzzle, 68. intentions