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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym: provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

wrench

v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

synonym : twist, turn, bend

(1) **wrench** off the lock, (2) **wrench** my back

A deep sigh was **wrenched** from his chest.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

clockwork

n. a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock

synonym : mechanism, movement, gears

(1) run like **clockwork**, (2) **clockwork** precision

The **clockwork** mechanism in the grandfather clock needed to be wound up every week.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

reassurance

n. the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence

synonym : encouragement, comfort, support

(1) give **reassurance**, (2) **reassurance** of my commitment

He needed **reassurance** that everything would be alright.

accusation

n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

synonym : charge, indictment, imputation

(1) criminal **accusation**, (2) false **accusation**

The **accusation** of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym: bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

vilify

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

synonym: defame, slander, malign

(1) **vilify** the press, (2) publicly **vilify**

The media has been **vilifying** the politician for his controversial statements.

bemoan

v. to express regret or disappointment about; to lament

synonym: lament, grieve, mourn

(1) **bemoan** his death, (2) **bemoan** a situation

He **bemoaned** the state of the world and wished for change.

parachute

n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

(1) **parachute** troops, (2) golden **parachute**

This training includes emergency escape drills with **parachutes**.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym : crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse
Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

waver

v. to move in a quivering manner; to become weak

synonym : lurch, sway, wobble

(1) **waver** in purpose, (2) **waver** between work and private life

She didn't **waver** in her decision to pursue her dream career, despite the challenges.

fortitude

n. mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience

synonym : courage, bravery, endurance

(1) **fortitude** in adversity, (2) mental **fortitude**

She showed great **fortitude** in facing her illness with grace and strength.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

backlash

n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact

synonym : reaction, retaliation, counteraction

(1) political **backlash**, (2) the **backlash** from the community

The company faced a **backlash** from customers after the recall.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym : take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

pundit

n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

synonym : expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

vindictive

adj. showing or motivated by a desire to seek revenge or cause harm to someone, often in response to perceived wrongdoing or mistreatment

synonym : vengeful, retaliatory, spiteful

(1) **vindictive** disposition, (2) **vindictive** comments

Her **vindictive** attitude towards her ex is causing unnecessary drama.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to

get a restraining order.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

far-reaching

adj. having a wide or significant impact or influence

synonym: extensive, widespread, broad

(1) achieve **far-reaching** reform, (2) **far-reaching** consequences

The **far-reaching** effects of the policy change are still being felt.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym: center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

rollercoaster

n. a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages

synonym: turbulence, upheaval

(1) emotional **rollercoaster**, (2) wooden **rollercoaster**

We finally divorced after experiencing a **rollercoaster**

marriage.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

synonym : equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

depravity

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

synonym : corruption, wickedness, immorality

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

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

imbalance

n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

synonym : inequality, asymmetry, instability

(1) trade **imbalance**, (2) symptoms of hormonal **imbalance**

An **imbalance** in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym : alter, adjust, modify

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

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

unison

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

synonym : harmony, accord, unanimity

(1) singing in **unison**, (2) clap the hands in **unison**

They saluted in **unison** to the captain.

unequivocal

adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

synonym : apparent, absolute, undeniable

(1) **unequivocal** evidence, (2) receive an **unequivocal** answer

It is **unequivocal** that human activities are the cause of global warming.

impede

v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

synonym : hinder, obstruct, block

(1) **impede** a close relationship, (2) **impede** development

The traffic jam **impeded** our progress to reach the destination on time.

stagnate

v. to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement

synonym : stall, halt, idle

(1) **stagnate** economy, (2) **stagnate** due to problems

If you don't exercise regularly, your fitness levels may **stagnate**.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

insurmountable

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

synonym: invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable** disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

discredit

v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

synonym: disprove, undermine, disgrace

(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness

The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

folklore

n. traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally

synonym: myths, legends, traditions

(1) **folklore** tradition, (2) **folklore** myth

The area's **folklore** tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

vigilant

adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

synonym: watchful, attentive, alert

(1) **vigilant** watch, (2) **vigilant** about hand-washing

The guards had to remain **vigilant** to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym: drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pr___l the ship v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
2. non-syn_____us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
3. publicly vi___y v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
4. r__r with laughter v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
5. re_____re market v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
6. criminal acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
7. fo_____re tradition *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
8. symptoms of hormonal im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
9. en_____e indigenous people v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
10. r__r for more v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

ANSWERS: 1. propel, 2. synonymous, 3. vilify, 4. roar, 5. reassure, 6. accusation, 7. folklore, 8. imbalance, 9. enslave, 10. roar

11. the ba____sh from the community *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
12. golden pa_____te *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
13. 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
14. perpetual cu____e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
15. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
16. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
17. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
18. di_____it a theory *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
19. run like cl_____rk *n.* a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock

ANSWERS: 11. backlash, 12. parachute, 13. uplift, 14. curate, 15. reshape, 16. ancestor, 17. creep, 18. discredit, 19. clockwork

20. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
21. emotional rol_____ter *n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
22. receive an une_____al answer *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
23. di_____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
24. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
25. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
26. vi____y the press *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
27. sports pu____t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
28. rec_____ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
29. marked with a ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

ANSWERS: 20. ancestor, 21. rollercoaster, 22. unequivocal, 23. dismantle, 24. reshape, 25. rethink, 26. vilify, 27. pundit, 28. recognizable, 29. hashtag

30. vi_____nt watch *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
31. vi_____nt about hand-washing *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
32. ha____s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
33. clap the hands in un____n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
34. trade im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
35. cu____e an art website *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
36. en____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
37. moral de _____ty *n.* moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior
38. wooden rol_____ter *n.* a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages

ANSWERS: 30. vigilant, 31. vigilant, 32. harass, 33. unison, 34. imbalance, 35. curate, 36. enslave, 37. depravity, 38. rollercoaster

39. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
40. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
41. syn_____us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
42. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
43. copyright tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
44. wa__r in purpose *v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
45. conservative pu___t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
46. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
47. to a rec_____ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
48. be___n his death *v.* to express regret or disappointment about; to lament

ANSWERS: 39. pivot, 40. harass, 41. synonymous, 42. confuse, 43. troll, 44. waver, 45. pundit, 46. industrious, 47. recognizable, 48. bemoan

49. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something
50. rea_____ce of my commitment *n.* the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
51. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
52. be___n a situation *v.* to express regret or disappointment about; to lament
53. singing in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
54. une_____al evidence *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
55. vin_____ve disposition *adj.* showing or motivated by a desire to seek revenge or cause harm to someone, often in response to perceived wrongdoing or mistreatment
56. de_____ty of human nature *n.* moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior
57. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
58. trending ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

ANSWERS: 49. reckon, 50. reassurance, 51. reassure, 52. bemoan, 53. unison, 54. unequivocal, 55. vindictive, 56. depravity, 57. quitter, 58. hashtag

59. im___e development *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
60. wr___h my back *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
61. ins_____ble disadvantage *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
62. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
63. fo_____de in adversity *n.* mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
64. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
65. st_____te economy *v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
66. di_____it a witness *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
67. far_____ing consequences *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
68. cl_____rk precision *n.* a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock

ANSWERS: 59. impede, 60. wrench, 61. insurmountable, 62. intellect, 63. fortitude, 64. rethink, 65. stagnate, 66. discredit, 67. far-reaching, 68. clockwork

69. re___n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
70. st_____te due to problems *v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement
71. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
72. pa_____te troops *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
73. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
74. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
75. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
76. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
77. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
78. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 69. reckon, 70. stagnate, 71. industrious, 72. parachute, 73. empathy, 74. creep, 75. pivot, 76. confuse, 77. empathy, 78. numb

79. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
80. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
81. ins_____ble odds *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
82. political ba_____sh *n.* a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
83. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
84. im_____e a close relationship *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
85. fo_____re myth *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
86. give rea_____ce *n.* the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
87. vin_____ve comments *adj.* showing or motivated by a desire to seek revenge or cause harm to someone, often in response to perceived wrongdoing or mistreatment
88. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 79. intellect, 80. dismantle, 81. insurmountable, 82. backlash, 83. quitter, 84. impede, 85. folklore, 86. reassurance, 87. vindictive, 88. numb

89. wr___h off the lock *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
90. up___t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
91. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
92. feed a tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
93. mental fo_____de *n.* mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
94. wa__r between work and private life *v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
95. achieve far_____ing reform *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
96. false acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

ANSWERS: 89. wrench, 90. uplift, 91. propel, 92. troll, 93. fortitude, 94. waver, 95. far-reaching, 96. accusation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The traffic jam _____ our progress to reach the destination on time.
v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
2. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
3. The challenge seemed _____ but they overcame it with hard work and determination.
adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
4. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.
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5. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
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7. Our brand's campaign uses a unique _____ to track engagement and reach.
n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
8. The media has been _____ the politician for his controversial statements.
v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

ANSWERS: 1. impeded, 2. industrious, 3. insurmountable, 4. uplift, 5. propel, 6. depravity, 7. hashtag, 8. vilifying

9. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.
v. to think or believe something
10. The _____ of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.
n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
11. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.
v. to change the form or structure of something
12. The political _____ provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.
n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
13. The company faced a _____ from customers after the recall.
n. a strong negative reaction to something; a movement back from an impact
14. The _____ effects of the policy change are still being felt.
adj. having a wide or significant impact or influence
15. This training includes emergency escape drills with _____.
n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
16. He needed _____ that everything would be alright.
n. the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence

ANSWERS: 9. reckons, 10. accusation, 11. reshaped, 12. pundit, 13. backlash, 14. far-reaching, 15. parachutes, 16. reassurance

17. Her beauty _____ me completely.

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- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

19. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.

- n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

20. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.

- n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

21. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.

- adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

22. If you don't exercise regularly, your fitness levels may _____.

- v.* to remain still, inactive, or without growth or development; to become stale or foul-smelling due to a lack of circulation or movement

23. An _____ in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

- n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

24. Aging _____ up slowly with time.

- v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

ANSWERS: 17. enslaved, 18. confused, 19. troll, 20. curate, 21. synonymous, 22. stagnate, 23. imbalance, 24. creeps

25. My left arm became _____.

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

26. A deep sigh was _____ from his chest.

v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

27. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

28. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

29. She didn't _____ in her decision to pursue her dream career, despite the challenges.

v. to move in a quivering manner; to become weak

30. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

31. The guards had to remain _____ to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

32. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

ANSWERS: 25. numb, 26. wrenched, 27. rethink, 28. ancestor, 29. waver, 30. harassed, 31. vigilant, 32. reassure

33. The area's _____ tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.
n. traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
34. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.
v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
35. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
36. Her _____ attitude towards her ex is causing unnecessary drama.
adj. showing or motivated by a desire to seek revenge or cause harm to someone, often in response to perceived wrongdoing or mistreatment
37. He _____ the state of the world and wished for change.
v. to express regret or disappointment about; to lament
38. They saluted in _____ to the captain.
n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
39. We finally divorced after experiencing a _____ marriage.
n. a type of amusement ride that goes up and down very steep slopes and around very sudden bends on which people ride in small and open carriages
40. The company's unethical practices have _____ its brand image in the eyes of consumers.
v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

ANSWERS: 33. folklore, 34. dismantled, 35. roared, 36. vindictive, 37. bemoaned, 38. unison, 39. rollercoaster, 40. discredited

41. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.
n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
42. She showed great _____ in facing her illness with grace and strength.
n. mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
43. The _____ mechanism in the grandfather clock needed to be wound up every week.
n. a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock
44. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
45. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
46. His car was easily _____ in the parking lot.
adj. easy to become aware of or identify
47. It is _____ that human activities are the cause of global warming.
adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
48. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 41. pivot, 42. fortitude, 43. clockwork, 44. intellect, 45. quitter, 46. recognizable, 47. unequivocal, 48. Empathy

ANSWERS: