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Session 1: Word List

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym: chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent

political instability.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym : manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

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

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

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym: novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

ethical

adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

synonym: honorable, moral, virtuous

(1) an **ethical** doctrine, (2) shoulder **ethical** responsibility

The president must have the highest **ethical** standards.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

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.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

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**.

altruism

n. the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

synonym: selflessness, philanthropy, generosity

(1) acts of **altruism**, (2) **altruism** in society

His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical **altruism**.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

tackle

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

synonym : deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym : philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym : betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym : structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym : importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym : attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

neglect

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

synonym : delinquency, carelessness, decay

(1) **neglect** to call, (2) **neglect** ethical issues

He **neglected** his health to make the project a success.

subtly

adv. in a way that is so small or delicate as to be difficult to notice or describe

synonym : elegantly, exquisitely, finely

(1) **subtly** change, (2) **subtly** point out

Government policy has already been revised **subtly**.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

converge

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

synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

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

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

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

unusually

adv. in a way that is not typical or expected

synonym : exceptionally, remarkably, outstandingly

(1) **unusually** cheerful, (2) look **unusually** serious

The team's performance has been **unusually** poor this season.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

measles

n. a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

synonym : rash, red measles, rubella

(1) **measles** outbreak, (2) **measles** vaccine

The school sent a notice of a **measles** case in one of the classrooms.

malaria

n. a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

(1) **malaria** mosquitoes, (2) **malaria-endemic** area

Many people in tropical countries die from **malaria** every year.

diarrhea

n. a common digestive disorder with the frequent passage of loose, watery stools that can be caused by various factors such as infections, food poisoning, and certain medications

synonym : looseness, gastroenteritis, dysentery

(1) **diarrhea-related** dehydration, (2) **diarrhea** with abdominal pain

I had a terrible case of **diarrhea** and couldn't stop going to the bathroom.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

smallpox

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

synonym : variola

(1) **smallpox** epidemic, (2) **smallpox** vaccine

An outbreak of **smallpox** occurred in the 1920s.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

thereby

adv. as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

synonym : thus, hence, as a result

(1) **thereby-obtained** data, (2) **thereby** improving overall health

The new software will streamline the workflow, **thereby** increasing productivity.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or

accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

istribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

long-lasting

adj. existing or continuing for a long time

synonym : enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship

They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

insecticide

n. a substance used to kill insects

synonym : pesticide, bug-killer, rodenticide

(1) **insecticide** spray, (2) **insecticide** residue

The farmer sprayed the crop with **insecticide** to protect it from pests.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

suffer

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

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

penny

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

synonym : cent, coin, copper

(1) **penny** stock, (2) save a **penny**

I found a lucky **penny** on the ground while walking to work this morning.

stray

v. to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be

synonym : deviate, err, depart

(1) **stray** beyond the confines, (2) **stray** from a rule

Tourists often get lost and **stray** into a restricted area.

pet

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

philanthropic

adj. characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy

synonym : charitable, benevolent, generous

(1) **philanthropic** donation, (2) **philanthropic** mission

The **philanthropic** organization donated millions of dollars to fund medical research.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym : atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

derail

v. to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally

synonym : crash, wreck, thwart

(1) **derail** the recovery, (2) **derail** an argument

The train **derailed** because a cow was standing on the tracks.

extinction

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
synonym : disappearance, eradication, annihilation

(1) **extinction** prevention, (2) brink of **extinction**

The **extinction** of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
synonym : disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym : disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

curtail

v. to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end

synonym : restrict, limit, cut back

(1) **curtail** spending, (2) **curtail** freedom

Due to budget constraints, the company had to **curtail** its marketing campaign for the new product.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

mammalian

adj. of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior

synonym : animal, mammal-like, warm-blooded

(1) **mammalian** embryo, (2) **mammalian** evolution

Mammalian milk is known to be rich in protein and essential vitamins.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym: ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

decriminalize

v. to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law

synonym: legalize, decriminalization, depenalize

(1) **decriminalize** abortion, (2) **decriminalize** public drunkenness

Many activists are pushing for laws to **decriminalize** marijuana use.

homosexual

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

synonym: gay, same-sex attracted

(1) **homosexual** rights, (2) **homosexual** marriage

The law was repealed to protect the rights of **homosexual** citizens.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**
Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

intractable

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

synonym : obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation

The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

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**.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym : control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

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

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

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

synonym : success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the **accomplishment** of a social goal

Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

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.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

synthetic

adj. made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring

synonym : artificial, manufactured, fabricated

(1) **synthetic** fiber, (2) **synthetic** fertilizer

Synthetic diamonds play an essential role as machine tool blades.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

virus

n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants

synonym : bacterium, germ, ailment

(1) spread of the **virus**, (2) a strain of **virus**

An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the **virus** to others.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym : infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

lethal

adj. causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

synonym : destructive, fatal, brutal

(1) **lethal** injection, (2) **lethal** weapon

Malignant hypertension is the most **lethal** form of hypertension.

geoengineering

n. the study of finding ways to change the Earth's climate system, primarily to reduce global warming; deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate system

(1) **geoengineering** technology, (2) **geoengineering** schemes

It is unclear what all of the potential consequences of **geoengineering** could be.

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym: greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

artificial

adj. not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something

synonym: synthetic, man-made, manufactured

(1) **artificial** flowers, (2) **artificial** environment

The **artificial** intelligence system has revolutionized the way we live and work.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym: brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

probabilistic

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

synonym: probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym: aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

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.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

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

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

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

voiceless

adj. without a voice or the ability to speak

synonym: mute, silent, speechless

(1) **voiceless** consonant, (2) **voiceless** minority

The **voiceless** screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

paltry

adj. lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate

synonym: insignificant, worthless, meager

(1) **paltry** sum, (2) **paltry** excuse

After working long hours for a **paltry** paycheck, the employee began to search for a new job.

proliferation

n. a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively

synonym: spread, expansion, increase

(1) nuclear **proliferation**, (2) the **proliferation** of social media

The **proliferation** of fast-food restaurants has contributed to the obesity epidemic.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as

a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

initiative

n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need

synonym : enterprise, drive, ambition

(1) a peace **initiative**, (2) take **initiative**

The teacher's **initiative** to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym : activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

alert

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

synonym : warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system

The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

ribbon

n. a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award

synonym : band, strip, sash

(1) silk **ribbon**, (2) pink **ribbon** campaign

She tied the **ribbon** around the gift box to make it look pretty.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a

small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

minimize

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

synonym : diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict

I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym : harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym : artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst

human-made disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym : robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

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

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

candidate

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

synonym : applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

cooperation

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

synonym : collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing **cooperation**

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym : lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

assistant

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

synonym : aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor

An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

infancy

n. the state or period of being a baby or very young child

synonym : childhood, babyhood, juvenescence

(1) **infancy** stage, (2) in early **infancy**

The technology is still in its **infancy** and has much room for improvement.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ma_____an evolution *adj.* of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior
2. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
3. the pro_____ion of social media *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
4. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
5. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
6. ch_____y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

ANSWERS: 1. mammalian, 2. develop, 3. proliferation, 4. influence, 5. panel, 6. charity

7. sy_____ic fertilizer *adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring
8. the agricultural yield per ca____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
9. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
10. geo_____ing schemes *n.* the study of finding ways to change the Earth's climate system, primarily to reduce global warming; deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate system
11. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
12. me_____s outbreak *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
13. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
14. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 7. synthetic, 8. capita, 9. involve, 10. geoengineering, 11. policymaker, 12. measles, 13. threat, 14. planet

15. tr_____m an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
16. a lon_____ing friendship *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
17. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
18. ma_____an embryo *adj.* of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior
19. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
20. mathematically so_____le equation *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
21. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
22. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
23. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
24. st__y from a rule *v.* to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be
25. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 15. transform, 16. long-lasting, 17. preserve, 18. mammalian, 19. priority, 20. solvable, 21. nervous, 22. radical, 23. participate, 24. stray, 25. suffer

26. ins_____de residue *n.* a substance used to kill insects
27. sm_____ox epidemic *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
28. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
29. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
30. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
31. su_____y change *adv.* in a way that is so small or delicate as to be difficult to notice or describe
32. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
33. art_____al environment *adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
34. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
35. coo_____on with strategic partners *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
36. unp_____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before

ANSWERS: 26. insecticide, 27. smallpox, 28. involve, 29. contribute, 30. candidate, 31. subtly, 32. represent, 33. artificial, 34. pilot, 35. cooperation, 36. unprecedented

37. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
38. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
39. thoroughgoing coo_____on *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
40. ne_____t to call *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
41. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
42. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
43. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
44. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
45. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
46. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
47. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 37. permanent, 38. horizon, 39. cooperation, 40. neglect, 41. extreme, 42. opportune, 43. achieve, 44. estimate, 45. poverty, 46. tragedy, 47. achieve

48. vo_____ss consonant *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
49. a strain of vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
50. take ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
51. the cabin pressure fell dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
52. cu_____l freedom *v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end
53. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
54. hom_____al marriage *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
55. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
56. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
57. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
58. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
59. ta_____e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
60. ne_____t ethical issues *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

ANSWERS: 48. voiceless, 49. virus, 50. initiative, 51. dramatically, 52. curtail, 53. individual, 54. homosexual, 55. stake, 56. improve, 57. entirely, 58. technological, 59. tackle, 60. neglect

61. al__t consumers to the dangers *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
62. th____y-obtained data *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
63. guarantee re____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
64. brink of ext____on *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
65. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
66. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
67. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
68. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
69. ma____a mosquitoes *n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

ANSWERS: 61. alert, 62. thereby, 63. reliable, 64. extinction, 65. damage, 66. decision, 67. capita, 68. graph, 69. malaria

70. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
71. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
72. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
73. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
74. shoulder et_____l responsibility *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
75. look un_____ly serious *adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected
76. de_____l an argument *v.* to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally
77. nu_____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
78. a bo_____y on exports *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
79. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
80. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

ANSWERS: 70. philanthropy, 71. unimaginable, 72. entirely, 73. discovery, 74. ethical, 75. unusually, 76. derail, 77. nuclear, 78. bounty, 79. accomplishment, 80. equivalent

81. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
82. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
83. so_____le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
84. con_____us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
85. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
86. nuclear pro_____ion *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
87. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
88. cash bo____y *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

ANSWERS: 81. unimaginable, 82. lobby, 83. solvable, 84. contagious, 85. catastrophe, 86. proliferation, 87. panel, 88. bounty

89. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
90. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
91. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
92. save the pl_____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
93. in_____y stage *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
94. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
95. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
96. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
97. ma_____a-endemic area *n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
98. environmental th_____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 89. philosophy, 90. economy, 91. estimate, 92. planet, 93. infancy, 94. radical, 95. transform, 96. permanent, 97. malaria, 98. threat

99. co____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
100. di____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
101. su____y point out *adv.* in a way that is so small or delicate as to be difficult to notice or describe
102. geo_____ing technology *n.* the study of finding ways to change the Earth's climate system, primarily to reduce global warming; deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate system
103. int_____le pain *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
104. lon_____ing battery *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
105. former co____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
106. di____ea-related dehydration *n.* a common digestive disorder with the frequent passage of loose, watery stools that can be caused by various factors such as infections, food poisoning, and certain medications
107. fl____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
108. le____l injection *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
109. as_____nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

ANSWERS: 99. converge, 100. diminish, 101. subtly, 102. geoengineering, 103. intractable, 104. long-lasting, 105. colleague, 106. diarrhea, 107. flourish, 108. lethal, 109. assistant

110. mo__l burden	<i>adj.</i> concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
111. de___l the recovery	<i>v.</i> to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally
112. pos_____ty for growth	<i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true
113. con_____us virus	<i>adj.</i> able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
114. tec_____cal advancement	<i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress
115. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund	<i>v.</i> to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
116. legal fr_____rk	<i>n.</i> the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
117. un_____ly cheerful	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is not typical or expected
118. field of artificial int_____nce	<i>n.</i> the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
119. di_____sh swelling	<i>v.</i> to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
120. health po____y	<i>n.</i> a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 110. moral, 111. derail, 112. possibility, 113. contagious, 114. technological, 115. contribute, 116. framework, 117. unusually, 118. intelligence, 119. diminish, 120. policy

121. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
122. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
123. co_____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
124. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
125. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
126. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
127. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
128. me_____s vaccine *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
129. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
130. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
131. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
132. in early in_____y *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child

ANSWERS: 121. eradicate, 122. creature, 123. converge, 124. industrial, 125. engagement, 126. moral, 127. pet, 128. measles, 129. distribute, 130. vast, 131. revolution, 132. infancy

133. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
134. pr____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
135. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
136. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
137. pe__y stock *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
138. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
139. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
140. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
141. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

ANSWERS: 133. biology, 134. priority, 135. economy, 136. vast, 137. penny, 138. intelligence, 139. distribute, 140. influence, 141. pilot

142. fl____sh worldwide
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
143. fun_____al rights
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
144. global pa____ic
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
145. er_____te the deficit
v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
146. pro_____on of civilization
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
147. a selfish de_____on
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
148. help ta___e climate change
v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
149. su___r bad grades
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
150. al__t system
v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
151. a nation's right to go___n
v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
152. re_____nt by a diagram
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 142. flourish, 143. fundamental, 144. pandemic, 145. eradicate, 146. progression, 147. decision, 148. tackle, 149. suffer, 150. alert, 151. govern, 152. represent

153. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
154. cr____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
155. a cold cl____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
156. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
157. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
158. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
159. tr____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
160. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
161. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
162. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
163. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
164. pro_____tic model *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

ANSWERS: 153. invest, 154. creature, 155. climate, 156. aspect, 157. philosophy, 158. poverty, 159. trigger, 160. tremendous, 161. democracy, 162. fundamental, 163. amazing, 164. probabilistic

165. hom_____al rights *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
166. avoid climate cat_____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
167. silk ri___n *n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award
168. pa___y sum *adj.* lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate
169. execution by burning at a st___e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
170. cu_____l spending *v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end
171. save a pe___y *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
172. re_____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
173. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
174. go___n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

ANSWERS: 165. homosexual, 166. catastrophe, 167. ribbon, 168. paltry, 169. stake, 170. curtail, 171. penny, 172. reliable, 173. develop, 174. govern

175. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
176. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
177. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
178. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
179. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
180. ext_____on prevention *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
181. pink ri____n campaign *n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award
182. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
183. di_____ea with abdominal pain *n.* a common digestive disorder with the frequent passage of loose, watery stools that can be caused by various factors such as infections, food poisoning, and certain medications
184. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
185. sm_____ox vaccine *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

ANSWERS: 175. pet, 176. communal, 177. candidate, 178. extreme, 179. industrial, 180. extinction, 181. ribbon, 182. intelligent, 183. diarrhea, 184. intelligent, 185. smallpox

186. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
187. al_____sm in society *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
188. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
189. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
190. th_____y improving overall health *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
191. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
192. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
193. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
194. ho_____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

ANSWERS: 186. reassure, 187. altruism, 188. nervous, 189. engagement, 190. thereby, 191. AI, 192. amazing, 193. framework, 194. horrific

195. mi____ze a loss *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
196. im____e a process *v.* to make or become better
197. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
198. cell and molecular bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
199. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
200. the acc____ent of a social goal *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
201. flu pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
202. pos____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
203. da____e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
204. the worst hum____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

ANSWERS: 195. minimize, 196. improve, 197. climate, 198. biology, 199. policy, 200. accomplishment, 201. pandemic, 202. possibility, 203. damage, 204. human-made

205. st__y beyond the confines *v.* to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be
206. ask ch____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
207. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
208. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
209. spread of the vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
210. use of nu_____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
211. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
212. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
213. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
214. art_____al flowers *adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
215. ho_____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

ANSWERS: 205. stray, 206. charity, 207. opportune, 208. tremendous, 209. virus, 210. nuclear, 211. aspect, 212. invest, 213. participate, 214. artificial, 215. horrific

216. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
217. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
218. 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
219. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
220. phi_____pic donation *adj.* characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy
221. hum_____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
222. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
223. a peace ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
224. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 216. democracy, 217. addition, 218. discovery, 219. philanthropy, 220. philanthropic, 221. human-made, 222. proportion, 223. initiative, 224. individual

225. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
226. phi_____pic mission *adj.* characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy
227. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
228. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
229. way to mi_____ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
230. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
231. dec_____ize public drunkenness *v.* to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law
232. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
233. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

ANSWERS: 225. disease, 226. philanthropic, 227. graph, 228. addition, 229. minimize, 230. proportion, 231. decriminalize, 232. typical, 233. horizon

234. unpre_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
235. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
236. le____l weapon *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
237. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
238. acts of al_____sm *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
239. dec_____ize abortion *v.* to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law
240. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
241. re_____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
242. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
243. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
244. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

ANSWERS: 234. unprecedented, 235. policymaker, 236. lethal, 237. progression, 238. altruism, 239. decriminalize, 240. communal, 241. reassure, 242. extraordinary, 243. revolution, 244. tragedy

245. apply AI technology to art
n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
246. pro_____tic approach
adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
247. collaborate with co_____ues
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
248. ext_____ary ability
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
249. vo_____ss minority
adj. without a voice or the ability to speak
250. ins_____de spray
n. a substance used to kill insects
251. int_____le situation
adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
252. he confessed dra_____lly
adv. in a very impressive manner
253. ty_____l leader
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
254. sy_____ic fiber
adj. made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring
255. an et_____l doctrine
adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

ANSWERS: 245. AI, 246. probabilistic, 247. colleague, 248. extraordinary, 249. voiceless, 250. insecticide, 251. intractable, 252. dramatically, 253. typical, 254. synthetic, 255. ethical

256. di____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
257. tr____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
258. an unwilling as____nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
259. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
260. equ____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
261. pr____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
262. pa__y excuse *adj.* lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate

ANSWERS: 256. disease, 257. trigger, 258. assistant, 259. lobby, 260. equivalent, 261. preserve, 262. paltry

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Tourists often get lost and _____ into a restricted area.
v. to move about aimlessly or without any destination; to move away from the right course or place where you should be

2. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

3. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

4. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

5. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

6. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

7. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

8. The team's performance has been _____ poor this season.
adv. in a way that is not typical or expected

ANSWERS: 1. stray, 2. amazing, 3. colleague, 4. radical, 5. horizon, 6. philanthropy, 7. reliable, 8. unusually

9. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
10. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
11. I had a terrible case of _____ and couldn't stop going to the bathroom.
n. a common digestive disorder with the frequent passage of loose, watery stools that can be caused by various factors such as infections, food poisoning, and certain medications
12. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
13. The teacher's _____ to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.
n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
14. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
15. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
16. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something

ANSWERS: 9. entirely, 10. transformed, 11. diarrhea, 12. flourished, 13. initiative, 14. suffers, 15. extreme, 16. participated

17. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
- v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
18. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
- n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
19. The incident _____ a political controversy.
- v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
20. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.
- v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
21. _____ diamonds play an essential role as machine tool blades.
- adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring
22. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.
- n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
23. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 17. governing, 18. panel, 19. triggered, 20. converge, 21. Synthetic, 22. catastrophe, 23. threat

24. 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
25. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
26. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
- n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
27. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
- adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
28. His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical _____.
- n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
29. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.
- v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
30. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.
- n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 24. bounty, 25. opportune, 26. capita, 27. unimaginable, 28. altruism, 29. minimize, 30. lobby

31. The president must have the highest _____ standards.

adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

32. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

33. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

34. I found a lucky _____ on the ground while walking to work this morning.

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

35. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

36. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

37. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 31. ethical, 32. Unprecedented, 33. policy, 34. penny, 35. achieve, 36. tackle, 37. economy

38. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.
- n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
39. The new software will streamline the workflow, _____ increasing productivity.
- adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
40. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
- n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
41. It is unclear what all of the potential consequences of _____ could be.
- n.* the study of finding ways to change the Earth's climate system, primarily to reduce global warming; deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate system
42. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.
- n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
43. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
44. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.
- n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
45. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

ANSWERS: 38. framework, 39. thereby, 40. progression, 41. geoengineering, 42. engagement, 43. involves, 44. accomplishment, 45. revolution

46. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
47. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
48. The _____ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.
n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
49. An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the _____ to others.
n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
50. Many people in tropical countries die from _____ every year.
n. a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
51. An outbreak of _____ occurred in the 1920s.
n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
52. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
53. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 46. Communal, 47. possibility, 48. extinction, 49. virus, 50. malaria, 51. smallpox, 52. Intelligent, 53. extraordinary

54. The school sent a notice of a _____ case in one of the classrooms.
- n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
55. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
56. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
57. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.
- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
58. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.
- n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
59. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.
- n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
60. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 54. measles, 55. planet, 56. influence, 57. stake, 58. AI, 59. charity, 60. philosophy

61. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
62. The _____ of fast-food restaurants has contributed to the obesity epidemic.
- n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
63. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.
- adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
64. In a _____ system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.
- adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
65. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
66. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

ANSWERS: 61. disease, 62. proliferation, 63. nuclear, 64. probabilistic, 65. develop, 66. tragedy

67. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

68. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

69. The law was repealed to protect the rights of _____ citizens.

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

70. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

71. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

72. They finally decided to solve the _____ problem.

adj. existing or continuing for a long time

73. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

74. The technology is still in its _____ and has much room for improvement.

n. the state or period of being a baby or very young child

ANSWERS: 67. nervous, 68. invest, 69. homosexual, 70. solvable, 71. graph, 72. long-lasting, 73. represent, 74. infancy

75. After working long hours for a _____ paycheck, the employee began to search for a new job.

adj. lacking in importance, value, or quality; insignificant; meager or inadequate

76. The _____ problem defied a solution.

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

77. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

78. The company's cybersecurity team _____ the CEO to potential threats.

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

79. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

80. Government policy has already been revised _____.

adv. in a way that is so small or delicate as to be difficult to notice or describe

81. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

82. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

83. The _____ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

ANSWERS: 75. paltry, 76. intractable, 77. Climate, 78. alerted, 79. eradicate, 80. subtly, 81. individual, 82. creature, 83. cooperation

84. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
85. 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
86. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
87. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
88. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.
- adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
89. His estate was _____ to his sons.
- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
90. _____ milk is known to be rich in protein and essential vitamins.
- adj.* of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior

ANSWERS: 84. damage, 85. discovery, 86. intelligence, 87. poverty, 88. horrific, 89. distributed, 90. Mammalian

91. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

92. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

93. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.

adv. in a very impressive manner

94. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

95. The _____ intelligence system has revolutionized the way we live and work.

adj. not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something

96. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

97. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

98. We had a _____ time yesterday.

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

ANSWERS: 91. typical, 92. Policymakers, 93. dramatically, 94. decision, 95. artificial, 96. addition, 97. Democracy, 98. tremendous

99. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

100. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

101. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

102. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

103. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

104. Many activists are pushing for laws to _____ marijuana use.

v. to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law

105. The train _____ because a cow was standing on the tracks.

v. to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally

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

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

ANSWERS: 99. estimated, 100. Technological, 101. biology, 102. candidate's, 103. preserve, 104. decriminalize, 105. derailed, 106. reassure

107. The farmer sprayed the crop with _____ to protect it from pests.

n. a substance used to kill insects

108. Malignant hypertension is the most _____ form of hypertension.

adj. causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

109. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

110. The _____ organization donated millions of dollars to fund medical research.

adj. characterized by a desire to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money or providing charitable aid; of or relating to the practice of philanthropy

111. Her _____ is to be a mother.

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

112. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

113. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

114. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

ANSWERS: 107. insecticide, 108. lethal, 109. vast, 110. philanthropic, 111. priority, 112. proportion, 113. human-made, 114. Industrial

115. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

116. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

117. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

118. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

119. She tied the _____ around the gift box to make it look pretty.

n. a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award

120. An executive _____ director administers each branch.

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

121. The _____ exercised great care in landing.

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

122. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

123. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

ANSWERS: 115. moral, 116. permanent, 117. contribute, 118. pandemic, 119. ribbon, 120. assistant, 121. pilot, 122. fundamental, 123. equivalent

124. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

125. I have a parrot as a _____.

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

126. He _____ his health to make the project a success.

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

127. As people get old, their energies may _____.

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

128. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

129. The _____ screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

adj. without a voice or the ability to speak

130. Due to budget constraints, the company had to _____ its marketing campaign for the new product.

v. to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end

131. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 124. improve, 125. pet, 126. neglected, 127. diminish, 128. contagious, 129. voiceless, 130. curtail, 131. aspects