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Session 1: Word List

disheveled

adj. in a state of disorder or disarray, often related to one's appearance, such as messy or untidy hair, clothing, or personal hygiene

synonym : messy, tousled, unkempt

(1) **disheveled** hair, (2) **disheveled** appearance

The hotel room was in **disheveled** condition after the wild party last night.

exhaustion

n. the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength

synonym : fatigue, weariness, tiredness

(1) **exhaustion** of energy, (2) emotional **exhaustion**

The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental **exhaustion**.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym : noticeable, perceptible, definite

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

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

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator
She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

pendulum

n. a weight hung from a fixed point used to regulate the movement of a clock or other mechanism

synonym: oscillator, balance, clock

(1) **pendulum** swings, (2) political **pendulum**

The **pendulum** clock was a familiar sight in the old house.

raven

n. a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

synonym: crow, blackbird, corvid

(1) **raven** feather, (2) **raven** in flight

The **raven's** distinctive croaking call echoed through the forest.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

macabre

adj. gruesome, grisly; relating to death

synonym: grotesque, gruesome, sinister

(1) **macabre** tales of war, (2) **macabre** art

The **macabre** scene in the horror movie gave her nightmares for weeks.

timeless

adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

synonym: dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

cardinal

n. a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head;

(adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things

synonym : bishop, archbishop, carmine

(1) **cardinal** rule, (2) **cardinal** red

The **cardinal's** robes were made of rich red silk.

frightening

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

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

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

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

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

supernatural

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

synonym : paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

propensity

n. a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion

synonym : tendency, inclination, disposition

(1) **propensity** for violence, (2) **propensity** to procrastinate

His **propensity** for lying caused him to lose many friends.

ghastly

adj. causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad

synonym : horrifying, dreadful, terrifying

(1) **ghastly** sight, (2) **ghastly** mistake

The child's **ghastly** scream echoed through the haunted house.

juxtapose

v. to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity

synonym: place side by side, compare, contrast

(1) **juxtapose** images, (2) **juxtapose** two ideas

The artist likes to **juxtapose** different styles and colors in her paintings.

empathy

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

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

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

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym: stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

corpse

n. the dead body of a human being

synonym: body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on
synonym : inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information
By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**
She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

misinterpret

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way
synonym : misunderstand, falsify, misconstrue

(1) **misinterpret** the purpose, (2) **misinterpret** the data
He **misinterpreted** her statement and got the wrong idea.

morgue

n. a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities

synonym : mortuary, funeral home, charnel house

(1) clinical **morgue**, (2) overcrowded **morgue**
The attendant at the **morgue** was responsible for cataloging the bodies and their respective information.

deduct

v. to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total

synonym : remove, subtract, withdraw

(1) **deduct** the interest, (2) **deduct** \$100 from the price
The bank **deducted** the premium amount from his bank account.

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

synonym : perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

satire

n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

synonym : irony, mockery, ridicule

(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**

The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

hoax

n. a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank

synonym : deception, fraud, trick

(1) suspect a **hoax**, (2) **hoax** email

The newspaper article was revealed to be a **hoax**.

hypnotic

adj. inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

synonym : soothing, soporific, slumberous

(1) mild **hypnotic**, (2) **hypnotic** effect

His voice had a **hypnotic** quality for me.

trance

n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

synonym : stupor, hypnosis, daydreaming

(1) **trance** state, (2) meditative **trance**

The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a **trance**.

astrophysics

n. the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe

(1) **astrophysics** research, (2) neutrino **astrophysics**
He was studying **astrophysics** in an attempt to understand the origins of the universe.

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

synonym : lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear

The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

mournful

adj. expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy

synonym : melancholy, doleful, mournsome

(1) **mournful** tears, (2) **mournful** expression

The **mournful** sound of the trumpet echoed through the church during the funeral service.

remembrance

n. the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento

synonym : memory, recollection, commemoration

(1) **remembrance** day, (2) eternal **remembrance**

The annual **remembrance** ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

alcoholism

n. a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages

synonym : alcohol dependency, alcohol addiction, drunkenness

(1) acute **alcoholism**, (2) **alcoholism** recovery
He lost everything due to his **alcoholism**.

antagonize

v. to cause someone to feel anger or hostility; to provoke or irritate

synonym: provoke, annoy, irritate

(1) **antagonize** an enemy, (2) **antagonize** a rival team
His constant nitpicking and criticism only served to **antagonize** his coworkers.

posthumous

adj. occurring or appearing after one's death, especially about the publication or release of works, awards, or honors

synonym: postmortem, post-obituary

(1) **posthumous** award, (2) **posthumous** work
The author's **posthumous** novel was finally released after his death.

brood

v. to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth

synonym: offspring, hatch, family

(1) **brood** about the defeat, (2) a **brood** of chickens
The terrible result **brooded** over her all day long.

visage

n. the face or facial expression of a person

synonym: countenance, expression, aspect

(1) a stern **visage**, (2) a **visage** of grim assurance
Her noble **visage** was calm and composed, even in danger.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. to a rec_____ble degree | <i>adj.</i> easy to become aware of or identify |
| 2. ba___e his plan | <i>v.</i> to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something |
| 3. a pungent sa___e | <i>n.</i> a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques |
| 4. clinical mo___e | <i>n.</i> a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities |
| 5. exh_____on of energy | <i>n.</i> the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength |
| 6. ha_____ng memory | <i>adj.</i> lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off |
| 7. rem_____ce day | <i>n.</i> the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento |
| 8. emotional exh_____on | <i>n.</i> the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength |
| 9. first-person na_____or | <i>n.</i> a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film |

ANSWERS: 1. recognizable, 2. baffle, 3. satire, 4. morgue, 5. exhaustion, 6. haunting, 7. remembrance, 8. exhaustion, 9. narrator

10. a vi___e of grim assurance *n.* the face or facial expression of a person
11. mis_____ret the purpose *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
12. ma_____e art *adj.* gruesome, grisly; relating to death
13. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
14. acute alc_____sm *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
15. unr_____le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
16. ti_____ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
17. ju_____se images *v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
18. meditative tr___e *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
19. ma_____e tales of war *adj.* gruesome, grisly; relating to death
20. suspect a h__x *n.* a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank

ANSWERS: 10. visage, 11. misinterpret, 12. macabre, 13. descend, 14. alcoholism, 15. unreliable, 16. timeless, 17. juxtapose, 18. trance, 19. macabre, 20. hoax

21. br__d about the defeat
v. to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
22. sup_____ral beings
adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
23. courtroom sto_____ing
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
24. de____d by elevator
v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
25. ha__t memories
v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
26. sa___e magazine
n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
27. dis_____ed hair
adj. in a state of disorder or disarray, often related to one's appearance, such as messy or untidy hair, clothing, or personal hygiene
28. mis_____ret the data
v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way
29. ju_____se two ideas
v. to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity

ANSWERS: 21. brood, 22. supernatural, 23. storytelling, 24. descend, 25. haunt, 26. satire, 27. disheveled, 28. misinterpret, 29. juxtapose

30. hy____ic effect *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
31. ha____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
32. the pa____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
33. ti____ss topic *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
34. ant____ze a rival team *v.* to cause someone to feel anger or hostility; to provoke or irritate
35. pro____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
36. the co____e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
37. political pe____um *n.* a weight hung from a fixed point used to regulate the movement of a clock or other mechanism
38. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
39. French pa____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
40. ha____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

ANSWERS: 30. hypnotic, 31. haunted, 32. paradox, 33. timeless, 34. antagonize, 35. protagonist, 36. corpse, 37. pendulum, 38. empathy, 39. paradox, 40. haunted

41. mo____ul expression *adj.* expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy
42. de____t \$100 from the price *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
43. ra__n in flight *n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair
44. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
45. neutrino ast____ics *n.* the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe
46. alc____sm recovery *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
47. prove unr____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
48. a ha____ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
49. mo____ul tears *adj.* expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy
50. tr____e state *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

ANSWERS: 41. mournful, 42. deduct, 43. raven, 44. empathy, 45. astrophysics, 46. alcoholism, 47. unreliable, 48. haunting, 49. mournful, 50. trance

51. gh____y mistake *adj.* causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad
52. ha__t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
53. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
54. gh____y sight *adj.* causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad
55. ca____al rule *n.* a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things
56. sup_____ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
57. ca____al red *n.* a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things
58. desiccated co___e *n.* the dead body of a human being
59. rec_____ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
60. overcrowded mo___e *n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities

ANSWERS: 51. ghastly, 52. haunt, 53. storytelling, 54. ghastly, 55. cardinal, 56. supernatural, 57. cardinal, 58. corpse, 59. recognizable, 60. morgue

61. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
62. a stern vi___e *n.* the face or facial expression of a person
63. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
64. ra__n feather *n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair
65. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
66. h__x email *n.* a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank
67. pe_____um swings *n.* a weight hung from a fixed point used to regulate the movement of a clock or other mechanism
68. pro_____ty to procrastinate *n.* a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
69. dis_____ed appearance *adj.* in a state of disorder or disarray, often related to one's appearance, such as messy or untidy hair, clothing, or personal hygiene
70. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
71. ant_____ze an enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel anger or hostility; to provoke or irritate

ANSWERS: 61. protagonist, 62. visage, 63. frightening, 64. raven, 65. narrator, 66. hoax, 67. pendulum, 68. propensity, 69. disheveled, 70. frightening, 71. antagonize

72. mild hy____ic *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
73. pro_____ty for violence *n.* a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
74. ba___e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
75. pos_____us award *adj.* occurring or appearing after one's death, especially about the publication or release of works, awards, or honors
76. pos_____us work *adj.* occurring or appearing after one's death, especially about the publication or release of works, awards, or honors
77. eternal rem_____ce *n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
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80. a br__d of chickens *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth

ANSWERS: 72. hypnotic, 73. propensity, 74. baffle, 75. posthumous, 76. posthumous, 77. remembrance, 78. astrophysics, 79. deduct, 80. brood

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to _____ the performer long after the show ended.
v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
2. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.
n. the dead body of a human being
3. The newspaper article was revealed to be a _____.
n. a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank
4. Her noble _____ was calm and composed, even in danger.
n. the face or facial expression of a person
5. The hotel room was in _____ condition after the wild party last night.
adj. in a state of disorder or disarray, often related to one's appearance, such as messy or untidy hair, clothing, or personal hygiene
6. The song's _____ melody stayed with me long after I heard it.
adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
7. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
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ANSWERS: 1. haunt, 2. corpse, 3. hoax, 4. visage, 5. disheveled, 6. haunting, 7. frightening

8. The paradox _____ most philosophers.
- v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
9. The _____ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.
- adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
10. He lost everything due to his _____.
- n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
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- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
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13. His voice had a _____ quality for me.
- adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
14. The _____ clock was a familiar sight in the old house.
- n.* a weight hung from a fixed point used to regulate the movement of a clock or other mechanism
15. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 8. baffled, 9. supernatural, 10. alcoholism, 11. Empathy, 12. brooded, 13. hypnotic, 14. pendulum, 15. storytelling

16. The artist likes to _____ different styles and colors in her paintings.
- v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
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19. The author's _____ novel was finally released after his death.
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- adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
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22. The annual _____ ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.
- n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento

ANSWERS: 16. juxtapose, 17. trance, 18. antagonize, 19. posthumous, 20. haunted, 21. unreliable, 22. remembrance

23. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
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29. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
30. The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental _____.
n. the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
31. The _____ scene in the horror movie gave her nightmares for weeks.
adj. gruesome, grisly; relating to death

ANSWERS: 23. narrator, 24. deducted, 25. misinterpreted, 26. recognizable, 27. morgue, 28. satire, 29. protagonist's, 30. exhaustion, 31. macabre

32. The _____ sound of the trumpet echoed through the church during the funeral service.

adj. expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy

33. The _____ robes were made of rich red silk.

n. a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things

34. The _____ distinctive croaking call echoed through the forest.

n. a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

35. There is a _____ aspect to his most remarkable work.

adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

36. The child's _____ scream echoed through the haunted house.

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37. His _____ for lying caused him to lose many friends.

n. a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion

38. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

39. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 32. mournful, 33. cardinal's, 34. raven's, 35. timeless, 36. ghastly, 37. propensity, 38. descended, 39. paradox

40. He was studying _____ in an attempt to understand the origins of the universe.

- n.* the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe

ANSWERS: 40. astrophysics