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Session 1: Word List

- fez** *n.* a brimless felt hat shaped like a truncated cone, traditionally worn by men in Turkey and other parts of the Middle East
synonym : tarboosh, tassel hat, Turkish hat
(1) Moroccan **fez**, (2) wear a **fez**
The dervish's outfit was complete, with a tall, red **fez** on his head.
- favela** *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
synonym : shantytown, slum, ghetto
(1) **favela** neighborhood, (2) people in the **favelas**
Many **favela** residents struggle to access basic amenities like running water and electricity.
- dizzy** *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
synonym : addled, confounded, unsteady
(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell
Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting

dizzy.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships
She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

creep

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

synonym: crawl, glide, encroach

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

beset

v. to annoy someone or something continually or chronically; to surround or attack from all sides

synonym: harass, plague, torment

(1) **beset** with difficulties, (2) **beset** the community

Raiders from the neighboring kingdom **beset** the small village.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

urbanite

n. a person who lives in a city or densely populated area and is accustomed to its culture, lifestyle, or amenities
synonym: city dweller, metropolitan, urban resident

(1) **urbanite** lifestyle, (2) **urbanite** population

The **urbanite's** fashion sense was always on point, reflecting the latest trends.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

bland

adj. lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

synonym: boring, insipid, flavorless

(1) make a **bland** reply, (2) **bland** novel

The dinner was rather **bland** and in need of some seasoning.

unpack

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

synonym: dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

asphalt

n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

synonym: tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

numb

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

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

necessitate

v. to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence

synonym: require, demand, entail

(1) **necessitate** compromise, (2) **necessitate** action

The new law will **necessitate** changes in our current procedures.

firefight

n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used

synonym : battle, conflict, fight

(1) killed in a **firefight**, (2) turn into a **firefight**

The platoon experienced a full-scale **firefight**.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

staircase

n. a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

synonym : stairway, stairwell

(1) spiral **staircase**, (2) beetle up the **staircase**

She walked urgently down the emergency **staircase**.

stairwell

n. a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps

(1) emergency **stairwell**, (2) open **stairwell**

Tom noticed them when he peered down the **stairwell**.

dreary

adj. dull, gloomy, or lifeless; lacking in brightness or variety; monotonous and uninteresting

synonym : gloomy, dismal, somber

(1) **dreary** weather, (2) **dreary** mood

The gray, **dreary** sky reflected the mood of the people who had to endure the rainy weather.

thud

n. a dull, heavy sound made when a heavy object falls or strikes a surface, often with a low frequency and resonance

synonym : bang, collision, crash

(1) **thud** of footsteps, (2) a distant **thud**

The loud **thud** of the door closing echoed through the empty

hallway.

conspire

v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

synonym: plot, scheme, collude

(1) **conspire** his ruin, (2) **conspire** to corner the market

The group of friends **conspired** to pull a prank on their teacher.

homogeneity

n. the quality or state of being homogeneous; uniformity in composition or character

synonym: uniformity, similarity, sameness

(1) soil **homogeneity**, (2) genetic **homogeneity**

The lack of diversity in the boardroom highlights the **homogeneity** of the company's leadership.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

bleach

v. to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

synonym: whiten, lighten, blanch

(1) **bleach** stains, (2) **bleach** hair

I need to **bleach** this shirt to remove the stains.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her

stage setting.

congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

synonym: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

commingle

v. to mix or blend, especially two or more substances or elements that are dissimilar or incompatible; to associate or mingle with a group of people or social circle

synonym: blend, mix, intermingle

(1) **commingle** ideas, (2) **commingle** cultures

He refuses to **commingle** his personal life with his professional life.

walkway

n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

synonym: pathway, footpath, trail

(1) install a **walkway**, (2) **walkway** bridge

The **walkway** through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

cobble

n. a rounded, irregularly shaped stone used for paving streets or for building walls; (verb) to make or repair something in a rough and hurried way

synonym: pebble, boulder, stone

(1) **cobble** driveway, (2) **cobble** up a policy accord

The town is known for its historic **cobble** streets, which were laid by hand in the 19th century.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

outlandish

adj. bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal

synonym : eccentric, bizarre, strange

(1) **outlandish** proposal, (2) **outlandish** behavior

The **outlandish** outfit drew the attention of everyone in the room.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym : astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

hovercraft

n. a vehicle that is supported on a cushion of air which is produced by a fan or fans typically used for travel over water, land, or ice

synonym : air cushion vehicle, ACV

(1) **hovercraft** racing, (2) military **hovercraft**

The **hovercraft** technology they used in their design allowed the vehicle to move smoothly over water and land.

frigid

adj. extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive

synonym : frosty, icy, glacial

(1) **frigid** climate, (2) **frigid** air

I had to wear multiple layers to survive the **frigid** temperatures outside.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym : arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

nomadic

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

synonym: mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

workspace

n. a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting

synonym: office, studio, workplace

(1) **workspace** design, (2) shared **workspace**

I need a quiet **workspace** to concentrate on my project.

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.

laureate

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the

displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

synonym : revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym : encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

synonym : drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

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.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym : aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bl___h hair
v. to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
2. feel di__y
adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
3. co___e driveway
n. a rounded, irregularly shaped stone used for paving streets or for building walls; (verb) to make or repair something in a rough and hurried way
4. make a bl__d reply
adj. lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
5. in___t under the skin
v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
6. ca__e my name on the plate
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
7. genetic hom_____ty
n. the quality or state of being homogeneous; uniformity in composition or character
8. no_____c herdsmen
adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
9. dr___y weather
adj. dull, gloomy, or lifeless; lacking in brightness or variety; monotonous and uninteresting

ANSWERS: 1. bleach, 2. dizzy, 3. cobble, 4. bland, 5. inject, 6. carve, 7. homogeneity, 8. nomadic, 9. dreary

10. ge____fy a street *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
11. in____t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
12. killed in a fi_____ht *n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
13. turn into a fi_____ht *n.* a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used
14. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
15. fr____d climate *adj.* extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive
16. open st_____ll *n.* a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps
17. Oscar la_____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

ANSWERS: 10. gentrify, 11. inject, 12. firefight, 13. fire, 14. segregate, 15. frigid, 16. stairwell, 17. laureate

18. wear a f_z *n.* a brimless felt hat shaped like a truncated cone, traditionally worn by men in Turkey and other parts of the Middle East
19. out_____sh proposal *adj.* bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal
20. nec_____te compromise *v.* to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence
21. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
22. inc_____ze carpooling *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
23. ti_____ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
24. no_____c life *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
25. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
26. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
27. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

ANSWERS: 18. fez, 19. outlandish, 20. necessitate, 21. recreate, 22. incentivize, 23. timeless, 24. nomadic, 25. evoke, 26. drone, 27. carve

28. ur____te lifestyle *n.* a person who lives in a city or densely populated area and is accustomed to its culture, lifestyle, or amenities
29. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
30. co_____t in a vein *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
31. sp____l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
32. ha_____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
33. co_____le cultures *v.* to mix or blend, especially two or more substances or elements that are dissimilar or incompatible; to associate or mingle with a group of people or social circle
34. out_____sh behavior *adj.* bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal
35. wa_____y bridge *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
36. military hov_____ft *n.* a vehicle that is supported on a cushion of air which is produced by a fan or fans typically used for travel over water, land, or ice

ANSWERS: 28. urbanite, 29. unintended, 30. congest, 31. sprawl, 32. haunted, 33. commingle, 34. outlandish, 35. walkway, 36. hovercraft

37. t__d of footsteps *n.* a dull, heavy sound made when a heavy object falls or strikes a surface, often with a low frequency and resonance
38. soil hom_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being homogeneous; uniformity in composition or character
39. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
40. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
41. Moroccan f_z *n.* a brimless felt hat shaped like a truncated cone, traditionally worn by men in Turkey and other parts of the Middle East
42. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
43. co_____t a highway *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
44. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
45. be__t the community *v.* to annoy someone or something continually or chronically; to surround or attack from all sides
46. nec_____te action *v.* to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence

ANSWERS: 37. thud, 38. homogeneity, 39. footprint, 40. incentivize, 41. fez, 42. recreate, 43. congest, 44. condemn, 45. beset, 46. necessitate

47. as____t pavement *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
48. co____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
49. the fo____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
50. as____e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
51. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
52. un____k a concept *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
53. install a wa____y *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
54. sp____l for acres *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
55. shared wo____ce *n.* a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting
56. dr____y mood *adj.* dull, gloomy, or lifeless; lacking in brightness or variety; monotonous and uninteresting
57. an____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy

ANSWERS: 47. asphalt, 48. condemn, 49. footprint, 50. aspire, 51. creep, 52. unpack, 53. walkway, 54. sprawl, 55. workspace, 56. dreary, 57. animate

58. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
59. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
60. fr___d air *adj.* extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive
61. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
62. co_____re his ruin *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
63. un___k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
64. wo_____ce design *n.* a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting
65. be__t with difficulties *v.* to annoy someone or something continually or chronically; to surround or attack from all sides
66. hov_____ft racing *n.* a vehicle that is supported on a cushion of air which is produced by a fan or fans typically used for travel over water, land, or ice

ANSWERS: 58. drone, 59. pave, 60. frigid, 61. numb, 62. conspire, 63. unpack, 64. workspace, 65. beset, 66. hovercraft

67. co____re to corner the market *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
68. co____e up a policy accord *n.* a rounded, irregularly shaped stone used for paving streets or for building walls; (verb) to make or repair something in a rough and hurried way
69. an____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
70. fa____a neighborhood *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
71. bl____h stains *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
72. a warm no______ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
73. spiral st______se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
74. no______ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
75. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
76. had a di__y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
77. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

ANSWERS: 67. conspire, 68. cobble, 69. animate, 70. favela, 71. bleach, 72. nostalgia, 73. staircase, 74. nostalgia, 75. evoke, 76. dizzy, 77. amaze

78. ch____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
79. ge____fy a community *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
80. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
81. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
82. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
83. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
84. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
85. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
86. beetle up the st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

ANSWERS: 78. cherish, 79. gentrify, 80. determinant, 81. pave, 82. numb, 83. segregate, 84. unintended, 85. haunted, 86. staircase

87. bl__d novel *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
88. people in the fa___as *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
89. ch_____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
90. co_____le ideas *v.* to mix or blend, especially two or more substances or elements that are dissimilar or incompatible; to associate or mingle with a group of people or social circle
91. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
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94. a distant t__d *n.* a dull, heavy sound made when a heavy object falls or strikes a surface, often with a low frequency and resonance
95. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

ANSWERS: 87. bland, 88. favela, 89. cherish, 90. commingle, 91. amaze, 92. aspire, 93. asphalt, 94. thud, 95. creep

96. emergency st_____ll

n. a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps

97. poet la_____te

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

98. ti_____ss topic

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

99. ur_____te population

n. a person who lives in a city or densely populated area and is accustomed to its culture, lifestyle, or amenities

100. environmental det_____nt

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 96. stairwell, 97. laureate, 98. timeless, 99. urbanite, 100. determinant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ the memories of her childhood.
 - v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

2. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
 - n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

3. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.
 - v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

4. The roads to the airport were heavily _____.
 - v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

5. The _____ through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.
 - n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

6. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
 - n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

7. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
 - n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

8. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
 - v. to make something full of interest and energy

ANSWERS: 1. cherished, 2. drone, 3. segregate, 4. congested, 5. walkway, 6. footprint, 7. nostalgia, 8. animated

9. Governments _____ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.
- v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
10. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
11. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
- adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
12. There is a _____ aspect to his most remarkable work.
- adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
13. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
14. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
- v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
15. I need to _____ this shirt to remove the stains.
- v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
16. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
- v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

ANSWERS: 9. incentivize, 10. numb, 11. haunted, 12. timeless, 13. determinant, 14. recreated, 15. bleach, 16. sprawls

17. I had to wear multiple layers to survive the _____ temperatures outside.

adj. extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive

18. Many _____ residents struggle to access basic amenities like running water and electricity.

n. a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security

19. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.

adj. not planned or meant

20. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

21. The _____ technology they used in their design allowed the vehicle to move smoothly over water and land.

n. a vehicle that is supported on a cushion of air which is produced by a fan or fans typically used for travel over water, land, or ice

22. The _____ fashion sense was always on point, reflecting the latest trends.

n. a person who lives in a city or densely populated area and is accustomed to its culture, lifestyle, or amenities

23. I need a quiet _____ to concentrate on my project.

n. a designated area or physical setting where work is performed, often in a business or office setting

ANSWERS: 17. frigid, 18. favela, 19. unintended, 20. evoke, 21. hovercraft, 22. urbanite's, 23. workspace

24. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
- v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
25. The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to _____ the neighborhood.
- v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
26. The Nobel _____ delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.
- n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
27. Raiders from the neighboring kingdom _____ the small village.
- v. to annoy someone or something continually or chronically; to surround or attack from all sides
28. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
- v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
29. The town is known for its historic _____ streets, which were laid by hand in the 19th century.
- n. a rounded, irregularly shaped stone used for paving streets or for building walls; (verb) to make or repair something in a rough and hurried way
30. The dervish's outfit was complete, with a tall, red ____ on his head.
- n. a brimless felt hat shaped like a truncated cone, traditionally worn by men in Turkey and other parts of the Middle East

ANSWERS: 24. carved, 25. gentrify, 26. laureate, 27. beset, 28. paved, 29. cobble, 30. fez

31. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

32. The gray, _____ sky reflected the mood of the people who had to endure the rainy weather.

adj. dull, gloomy, or lifeless; lacking in brightness or variety; monotonous and uninteresting

33. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

34. She walked urgently down the emergency _____.

n. a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

35. The loud _____ of the door closing echoed through the empty hallway.

n. a dull, heavy sound made when a heavy object falls or strikes a surface, often with a low frequency and resonance

36. Tom noticed them when he peered down the _____.

n. a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps

37. The group of friends _____ to pull a prank on their teacher.

v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

38. The road crew was laying fresh _____ on the highway.

n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

ANSWERS: 31. amazed, 32. dreary, 33. aspired, 34. staircase, 35. thud, 36. stairwell, 37. conspired, 38. asphalt

39. This desert is the territory of _____ tribes.

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

40. The _____ outfit drew the attention of everyone in the room.

adj. bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal

41. He refuses to _____ his personal life with his professional life.

v. to mix or blend, especially two or more substances or elements that are dissimilar or incompatible; to associate or mingle with a group of people or social circle

42. I need to _____ my suitcase and put my clothes away.

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

43. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting _____.

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

44. The new law will _____ changes in our current procedures.

v. to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence

45. The lack of diversity in the boardroom highlights the _____ of the company's leadership.

n. the quality or state of being homogeneous; uniformity in composition or character

ANSWERS: 39. nomadic, 40. outlandish, 41. commingle, 42. unpack, 43. dizzy, 44. necessitate, 45. homogeneity

46. The dinner was rather _____ and in need of some seasoning.

adj. lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

47. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

48. Aging _____ up slowly with time.

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

49. The platoon experienced a full-scale _____.

n. a struggle to extinguish a fire; a military engagement in which small arms and other weapons are used

50. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

ANSWERS: 46. bland, 47. condemned, 48. creeps, 49. firefight, 50. inject