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Session 1: Word List

victor

n. one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.

synonym: winner, conqueror, champion

(1) **victor** country, (2) the outright **victor**

The **victor** of the race was the favorite to win.

downtrodden

adj. oppressed or treated unfairly, often by those in power or authority; subjected to harsh or abusive treatment;
(noun) individuals or groups that are oppressed, mistreated, or subjected to cruel or unjust treatment

synonym: oppressed, disadvantaged, abused

(1) defender of the **downtrodden**, (2) **downtrodden** communities

The nonprofit organization provides free legal services to **downtrodden** populations.

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.

glorious

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

synonym : exquisite, magnificent, majestic

(1) a **glorious** victory, (2) photo in **glorious** color

I choose a **glorious** death rather than a shameful life.

ostensible

adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

synonym : apparent, seeming, supposed

(1) **ostensible** reason, (2) **ostensible** explanation

The **ostensible** purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym : cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

textile

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
synonym: cloth, material, fabric

(1) **textile** production, (2) tissue **textiles**

China's **textile** industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

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**.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym: edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make

notes.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym : agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends
That style is no longer in **fashion**.

discipline

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

synonym : training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**
He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

trivial

adj. of little value or importance

synonym : insignificant, minor, unimportant

(1) a **trivial** man, (2) for **trivial** reasons

The problem seemed **trivial** initially, but it became a significant issue.

dismantle

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

synonym : take apart, demolish, take down

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

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

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

bolster

v. to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources

synonym : reinforce, support, strengthen

(1) **bolster** confidence, (2) **bolster** the economy

The company hired a new advertising agency to **bolster** its marketing efforts.

underrepresented

adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

synonym : belittled, marginalized, disadvantaged

(1) feel **underrepresented**, (2) **underrepresented** data

Underrepresented communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**
She did well on her **geography** exam.

descriptor

n. a word or phrase that describes or identifies a person, thing, or quality; a characteristic or quality of something
synonym: term, designation, identifier

(1) single **descriptor**, (2) visual **descriptor**

The scientist used technical **descriptors** to explain the complex chemical reaction.

pejorative

adj. expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean

synonym: derogatory, insulting, disrespectful

(1) **pejorative** language, (2) **pejorative** term

The coach's **pejorative** comments about the team's effort were unhelpful and demotivating.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

undying

adj. (especially of feelings or beliefs) lasting forever

synonym: endless, eternal, immortal

(1) his **undying** fame, (2) swear **undying** devotion to her

He pledged his **undying** love for his wife.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

misguided

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

synonym: mistaken, wrong, erring

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

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

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym: victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

perseverance

n. steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

synonym: persistence, tenacity, determination

(1) unwavering **perseverance**, (2) dogged **perseverance**
Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his **perseverance** and determination led him to success.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym: scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

concerted

adj. involving the joint activity of more than one person, government, country, etc.

synonym: coordinated, planned, united

(1) **concerted** effort, (2) apply **concerted** pressure

The NGO launched a **concerted** campaign to raise awareness about the issue.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy
Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling
My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**
His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym : art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture
His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**
The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym : cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education
The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

recast

v. to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film

synonym : modify, remake, remodel

(1) **recast** the Republican party, (2) **recast** the story

He had to **recast** his image to convince the electorate in his home state.

prominence

n. the state of being important, easily seen, or well known

synonym : notability, eminence, distinction

(1) earn **prominence**, (2) **prominence** in society

He achieved **prominence** in the field of medicine with his groundbreaking research.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym : grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

subvert

v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

synonym : overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

inferiority

n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

synonym : lower status, low self-esteem, inadequacy

(1) **inferiority** complex, (2) **inferiority** mindset

The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of **inferiority** about their work.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

wary

adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

synonym : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym : illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

sophistication

n. the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

synonym : refinement, culture, elegance

(1) cultural **sophistication**, (2) linguistic **sophistication**

The new technology added a level of **sophistication** to the manufacturing process.

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym: charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

tapestry

n. a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation

synonym: embroidery, hanging, cloth

(1) colorful **tapestry**, (2) intricate **tapestry** design

The **tapestry** on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.

garment

n. a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt

synonym: apparel, clothing, attire

(1) **garment** industry, (2) silk **garment**

She hung the wet **garment** on the clothesline to dry.

silk

n. a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

synonym: satin, taffeta, velvet

(1) **silk** road, (2) **silk** fabric

She wore a **silk** dress to the party.

scarf

n. a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons

synonym: shawl, wrap, kerchief

(1) knit a **scarf**, (2) dotted **scarf**

She wrapped a **scarf** around her neck to keep warm.

coincident

adj. happening or operating in the same place or at the same time

synonym: concurrent, accompanying, coextensive

(1) **coincident** indicators, (2) a series of **coincident** events

Coincident with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

extol

v. to praise or laud highly; to exalt or elevate someone or something by highlighting their positive qualities or attributes

synonym: praise, admire, acclaim

(1) **extol** the beauty, (2) **extol** the benefits

The teacher **extolled** the virtues of hard work and dedication to her students.

merit

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

synonym : worth, excellence, quality

(1) **merit-based**, (2) the order of **merit**

She was promoted based on her **merits** as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

masterpiece

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

synonym : classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

subservient

adj. willing to obey or serve someone else without question or complaint; excessively obedient or submissive

synonym : submissive, compliant, obedient

(1) **subservient** relationship, (2) **subservient** role

Her **subservient** attitude made it easy for her boss to take advantage of her.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**
She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area
synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line
Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
synonym: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility
Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym: emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp
The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**
Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual
The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym: genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym: knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

tolerant

adj. accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference

synonym: forgiving, lenient, permissive

(1) a **tolerant** teacher, (2) **tolerant** of his failure

She was known for her **tolerant** attitude toward different cultures.

illustration

n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

synonym: picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist

The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym : envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

disparate

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

synonym : different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

rewrite

v. to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information

synonym : revise, edit, rework

(1) **rewrite** a composition, (2) **rewrite** a world record

I need to **rewrite** most of the essay with feedback from my teacher.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

traverse

v. to cross or move through a land or water area

synonym : cross, pass through, travel over

(1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea

Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym : vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

dictate

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

synonym : read out, prescribe, order

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

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

apology

n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

synonym : regret, excuse, plea

(1) genuine **apology**, (2) accept his **apology**

She wrote a letter of **apology** to the renter.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

Session 2: Spelling

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25. sub_____nt role *adj.* willing to obey or serve someone else without question or complaint; excessively obedient or submissive
26. nu_____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
27. ga_____t industry *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt

ANSWERS: 19. inspiration, 20. attempt, 21. ostensible, 22. downtrodden, 23. shift, 24. importance, 25. subservient, 26. nuanced, 27. garment

28. single des_____or *n.* a word or phrase that describes or identifies a person, thing, or quality; a characteristic or quality of something
29. ex___d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
30. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
31. photo in gl_____us color *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
32. around the gl___e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
33. m___d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
34. a w___y statesman *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
35. di_____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
36. defender of the dow_____en *adj.* oppressed or treated unfairly, often by those in power or authority; subjected to harsh or abusive treatment; (noun) individuals or groups that are oppressed, mistreated, or subjected to cruel or unjust treatment

ANSWERS: 28. descriptor, 29. extend, 30. complicated, 31. glorious, 32. globe, 33. mold, 34. wary, 35. dismantle, 36. downtrodden

37. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
38. visual me____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
39. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
40. a mas_____ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
41. me____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
42. the re____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
43. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
44. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
45. cultural sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

ANSWERS: 37. globe, 38. metaphor, 39. margin, 40. masterpiece, 41. metaphor, 42. refugee, 43. pride, 44. mere, 45. sophistication

46. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
47. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
48. dogged per_____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
49. s__k road *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
50. pej_____ve term *adj.* expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean
51. ed_____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
52. a profit ma___n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
53. genuine ap_____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
54. di_____ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
55. su_____t expectations *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

ANSWERS: 46. aesthetic, 47. depict, 48. perseverance, 49. silk, 50. pejorative, 51. educated, 52. margin, 53. apology, 54. diaspora, 55. subvert

56. or____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
57. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
58. a mi_____ed sense of duty *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
59. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
60. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
61. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
62. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
63. to_____nt of his failure *adj.* accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
64. rigid dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

ANSWERS: 56. ordinary, 57. fabric, 58. misguided, 59. historic, 60. structure, 61. bold, 62. classic, 63. tolerant, 64. discipline

65. physically di_____te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
66. di_____te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
67. for tr_____l reasons *adj.* of little value or importance
68. pej_____ve language *adj.* expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean
69. the sets were meticulously au_____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
70. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
71. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
72. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
73. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
74. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 65. disparate, 66. disparate, 67. trivial, 68. pejorative, 69. authentic, 70. refugee, 71. aspire, 72. importance, 73. modern, 74. celebrate

75. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
76. tr_____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
77. ex__l the benefits *v.* to praise or laud highly; to exalt or elevate someone or something by highlighting their positive qualities or attributes
78. break dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
79. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
80. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
81. re___t the Republican party *v.* to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film
82. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
83. a series of coi_____nt events *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time

ANSWERS: 75. geography, 76. triumph, 77. extol, 78. discipline, 79. regardless, 80. grace, 81. recast, 82. craft, 83. coincident

84. earn pro_____ce *n.* the state of being important, easily seen, or well known
85. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
86. ex____d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
87. accept his ap_____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
88. co_____ed effort *adj.* involving the joint activity of more than one person, government, country, etc.
89. visual des_____or *n.* a word or phrase that describes or identifies a person, thing, or quality; a characteristic or quality of something
90. feel und_____ted *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
91. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
92. as____e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
93. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
94. public re__m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 84. prominence, 85. surround, 86. extend, 87. apology, 88. concerted, 89. descriptor, 90. underrepresented, 91. continent, 92. aspire, 93. historic, 94. realm

95. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
96. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
97. silk ga_____t *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
98. the outright vi____r *n.* one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.
99. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
100. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
101. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
102. literary mas_____ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
103. re_____e a composition *v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
104. educational ill_____ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
105. swear un_____g devotion to her *adj.* (especially of feelings or beliefs) lasting forever

ANSWERS: 95. depict, 96. empower, 97. garment, 98. victor, 99. entrepreneur, 100. vulnerable, 101. representation, 102. masterpiece, 103. rewrite, 104. illustration, 105. undying

106. a tr____l man *adj.* of little value or importance
107. w__y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
108. inf____ty complex *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
109. ma____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
110. re____t the story *v.* to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film
111. mi____ed policies *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
112. a gl____us victory *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
113. billionaire ent____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
114. ge____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
115. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 106. trivial, 107. wary, 108. inferiority, 109. magical, 110. recast, 111. misguided, 112. glorious, 113. entrepreneur, 114. geography, 115. bias

116. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
117. allied di____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
118. ost_____le reason *adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
119. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
120. 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
121. intricate ta_____ry design *n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
122. di_____ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
123. linguistic sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
124. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 116. craft, 117. diplomat, 118. ostensible, 119. mere, 120. discovery, 121. tapestry, 122. diaspora, 123. sophistication, 124. structure

125. und_____ted data *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
126. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
127. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
128. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
129. pro_____ce in society *n.* the state of being important, easily seen, or well known
130. retain everyone's di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
131. the common but nu_____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
132. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
133. unwavering per_____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
134. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

ANSWERS: 125. underrepresented, 126. identity, 127. pride, 128. narrative, 129. prominence, 130. dignity, 131. nuanced, 132. ordinary, 133. perseverance, 134. representation

135. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
136. in____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
137. ae____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
138. ed____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
139. his un____g fame *adj.* (especially of feelings or beliefs) lasting forever
140. s__k fabric *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
141. di____e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
142. te____e production *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
143. ex__l the beauty *v.* to praise or laud highly; to exalt or elevate someone or something by highlighting their positive qualities or attributes
144. a stone wall su____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
145. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 135. ancient, 136. inspire, 137. aesthetic, 138. educated, 139. undying, 140. silk, 141. dictate, 142. textile, 143. extol, 144. surround, 145. bias

146. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
147. pre-mo_____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
148. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
149. coi_____nt indicators *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
150. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
151. apply co_____ed pressure *adj.* involving the joint activity of more than one person, government, country, etc.
152. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
153. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
154. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
155. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
156. bo_____r the economy *v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources

ANSWERS: 146. magical, 147. modern, 148. compromise, 149. coincident, 150. diplomat, 151. concerted, 152. perception, 153. bold, 154. vulnerable, 155. ancient, 156. bolster

157. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
158. Chinese cl____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
159. di____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
160. tr____se the region *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
161. respect for human di____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
162. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
163. 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
164. knit a sc__f *n.* a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons
165. re____e a world record *v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
166. na____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

ANSWERS: 157. identity, 158. classic, 159. dismantle, 160. traverse, 161. dignity, 162. empower, 163. discovery, 164. scarf, 165. rewrite, 166. narrative

167. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
168. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
169. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
170. ill_____ion artist *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
171. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
172. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
173. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
174. me__t-based *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
175. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
176. di_____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
177. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
178. tr_____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement

ANSWERS: 167. authentic, 168. regardless, 169. celebrate, 170. illustration, 171. sub-Saharan, 172. realm, 173. fashion, 174. merit, 175. shift, 176. dictate, 177. sub-Saharan, 178. triumph

179. tr____se a vast extent of sea *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
180. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
181. a hand-loomed fa____c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
182. the order of me__t *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
183. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
184. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
185. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
186. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

ANSWERS: 179. traverse, 180. inspiration, 181. fabric, 182. merit, 183. mold, 184. perception, 185. continent, 186. grace

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of _____ about their work.
n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
2. The coach's _____ comments about the team's effort were unhelpful and demotivating.
adj. expressing contempt, disapproval, or criticism; derogatory; having a negative connotation or intended to belittle or demean
3. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
4. She was promoted based on her _____ as a hardworking and dedicated employee.
n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
5. His _____ attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.
adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
6. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a _____ of art.
n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
7. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

ANSWERS: 1. inferiority, 2. pejorative, 3. shift, 4. merits, 5. misguided, 6. masterpiece, 7. depicted

8. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.
n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
9. I choose a _____ death rather than a shameful life.
adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
10. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.
n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
11. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.
n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
12. She hung the wet _____ on the clothesline to dry.
n. a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
13. She wrapped a _____ around her neck to keep warm.
n. a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons
14. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
15. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.
adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

ANSWERS: 8. Entrepreneurs, 9. glorious, 10. realm, 11. representation, 12. garment, 13. scarf, 14. inspiration, 15. regardless

16. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.

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

17. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.

- adj.* having received a high standard of education

18. The _____ in the book helped me understand the concept better.

- n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

19. She was known for her _____ attitude toward different cultures.

- adj.* accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference

20. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.

- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

21. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.

- n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

22. They have been living near water since _____ times.

- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

23. She wrote a letter of _____ to the renter.

- n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

ANSWERS: 16. aspired, 17. educated, 18. illustration, 19. tolerant, 20. mold, 21. dignity, 22. ancient, 23. apology

24. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
25. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
26. 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
27. I need to _____ most of the essay with feedback from my teacher.
- v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
28. Approximately 1000 automobiles _____ the bridge every day.
- v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
29. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
30. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.
- n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
31. She did well on her _____ exam.
- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

ANSWERS: 24. degree, 25. celebrated, 26. discovery, 27. rewrite, 28. traverse, 29. narrative, 30. grace, 31. geography

32. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
33. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody
34. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
35. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
36. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
37. The allies _____ the terms of surrender to the country.
v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
38. He pledged his _____ love for his wife.
adj. (especially of feelings or beliefs) lasting forever
39. Her _____ attitude made it easy for her boss to take advantage of her.
adj. willing to obey or serve someone else without question or complaint; excessively obedient or submissive

ANSWERS: 32. craft, 33. surround, 34. historic, 35. diplomat, 36. importance, 37. dictated, 38. undying, 39. subservient

40. The rebels could _____ the government's plans by leaking classified information.
- v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
41. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.
- adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
42. He achieved _____ in the field of medicine with his groundbreaking research.
- n.* the state of being important, easily seen, or well known
43. The _____ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.
- n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
44. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
45. The _____ on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.
- n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
46. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
47. She wore a _____ dress to the party.
- n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

ANSWERS: 40. subvert, 41. bold, 42. prominence, 43. diaspora, 44. complicated, 45. tapestry, 46. modern, 47. silk

48. The problem seemed _____ initially, but it became a significant issue.
adj. of little value or importance
49. The company hired a new advertising agency to _____ its marketing efforts.
v. to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
50. The scientist used technical _____ to explain the complex chemical reaction.
n. a word or phrase that describes or identifies a person, thing, or quality; a characteristic or quality of something
51. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.
v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
52. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
53. _____ with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.
adj. happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
54. The new technology added a level of _____ to the manufacturing process.
n. the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
55. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.
n. a great victory or achievement

ANSWERS: 48. trivial, 49. bolster, 50. descriptors, 51. dismantled, 52. compromised, 53. Coincident, 54. sophistication, 55. triumph

56. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.
- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
57. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
- n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
58. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
59. She was _____ of meeting new people because of past experiences.
- adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
60. The _____ purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.
- adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
61. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
- n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
62. The nonprofit organization provides free legal services to _____ populations.
- adj.* oppressed or treated unfairly, often by those in power or authority; subjected to harsh or abusive treatment; (noun) individuals or groups that are oppressed, mistreated, or subjected to cruel or unjust treatment

ANSWERS: 56. metaphors, 57. margin, 58. identity, 59. wary, 60. ostensible, 61. refugees, 62. downtrodden

63. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
- n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
64. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
65. The NGO launched a _____ campaign to raise awareness about the issue.
- adj.* involving the joint activity of more than one person, government, country, etc.
66. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
- adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
67. That style is no longer in _____.
- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
68. He quickly learned the military _____.
- n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
69. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
- adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
70. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
- n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

ANSWERS: 63. fabrics, 64. magical, 65. concerted, 66. classic, 67. fashion, 68. discipline, 69. nuanced, 70. continent

71. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.

- n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

72. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

- adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

73. Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his _____ and determination led him to success.

- n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

74. _____ communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.

- adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

75. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.

- v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area

76. The _____ of the race was the favorite to win.

- n.* one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.

77. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

- adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

78. He lost the election by _____ votes.

- adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

ANSWERS: 71. perception, 72. ordinary, 73. perseverance, 74. Underrepresented, 75. extend, 76. victor, 77. sub-Saharan, 78. mere

79. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

80. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

81. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

82. China's _____ industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting

83. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

84. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

85. The third _____ was far more successful.

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

86. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

87. His final goal is to sail around the _____.

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

ANSWERS: 79. aesthetic, 80. pride, 81. structure, 82. textile, 83. disparate, 84. vulnerable, 85. attempt, 86. inclusive, 87. globe

88. The teacher _____ the virtues of hard work and dedication to her students.
- v. to praise or laud highly; to exalt or elevate someone or something by highlighting their positive qualities or attributes
89. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
90. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
91. The stages of the play were meticulously _____
- adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
92. She researched gender _____ in politics.
- n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
93. He had to _____ his image to convince the electorate in his home state.
- v. to change the form of something, such as a metal object, by melting it down and reshaping it; to change the actors or the role of a particular actor in a play or film

ANSWERS: 88. extolled, 89. empowered, 90. inspired, 91. authentic, 92. bias, 93. recast