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Session 1: Word List

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

contraceptive

adj. relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

synonym: preventive, prophylactic, antifertility

(1) **contraceptive** measures, (2) hormonal **contraceptive**

The **contraceptive** patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

vary

- v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym: alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price
Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

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.

testicle

n. one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels

synonym : ballock, gonad, ball

(1) **testicle** injury, (2) swollen **testicles**

The athlete was hit in the **testicle** during the game and had to be removed.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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.

vast

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

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

abortion

n. the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage

synonym: miscarriage

(1) **abortion** doctor, (2) the highly charged issue of **abortion**

We strongly oppose the **abortion** ban.

reversible

adj. capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone

synonym: invertible, changeable, undoable

(1) **reversible** decision, (2) **reversible** fabrics

The jacket is **reversible** so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.

contraception

n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

(1) hormonal **contraception**, (2) **contraception** pills

Condoms are a common method of **contraception** that both men and women can use.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

patch

n. a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

synonym: mend, repair, fix

(1) **patch** of grass, (2) software **patch**

I need to sew a **patch** onto my jeans that ripped.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

condom

n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

synonym: prophylactic, rubber, sheath

(1) **condom** brand, (2) safe **condom** use

Using a **condom** during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

vasectomy

n. a surgical procedure involves cutting or blocking the vas deferens (= the tubes that carry sperm from the testicles to the urethra), which is a form of male birth control,

resulting in permanent sterilization

synonym: sterilization, sterilizing operation, vas opera

(1) **vasectomy** procedure, (2) reversible **vasectomy**

Many couples choose **vasectomy** as a permanent form of contraception.

drawback

n. a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive

synonym: disadvantage, defect, weakness

(1) the **drawback** of his method, (2) one of the main **drawbacks**

He pointed out all the **drawbacks** to our plan.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

clot

n. a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force

synonym: clump, coagulation, thrombus

(1) blood **clot**, (2) **clot** prevention

The **clot** in the blood vessel required immediate medical attention.

tolerate

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

synonym: endure, put up with, bear

(1) **tolerate** his disrespectful behavior, (2) **tolerate** ambiguity

I can't **tolerate** spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

interfere

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

synonym: interpose, interrupt, hamper

(1) **interfere** in another country's affairs, (2) **interfere** with DNA synthesis

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

sperm

n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

synonym: seed, semen, seminal fluid

(1) man with a low **sperm** count, (2) production of **sperm**

The male **sperm** fertilizes the female egg.

bind

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

synonym: tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle

The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

medication

n. a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

synonym: cure, drug, medicine

(1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth

The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

ejaculation

n. a sudden and forceful expulsion of something from the body, especially of semen, during sexual activity; a sudden and forceful expression of emotion or sound, similar to a cry

synonym: climax, orgasm, cry

(1) **ejaculation** disorder, (2) inhibited **ejaculation**

Diabetes and multiple sclerosis are among the medical conditions that can cause retrograde **ejaculation**.

reproductive

adj. connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

synonym: procreative, generative

(1) **reproductive** ability, (2) during **reproductive** period

This documentary deals with the **reproductive** biology of the buffalo.

tract

n. a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body

synonym: region, area, tube

(1) a urinary **tract** infection, (2) a **tract** of virgin forest

The farmer owns a large **tract** of land where he grows corn and soybeans.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

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

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

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

hormone

n. a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

(1) **hormone** secretion, (2) female **hormone**

The doctor diagnosed me with a **hormone** disorder.

suppress

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

synonym: subdue, bury, stifle

(1) **suppress** a yawn, (2) **suppress** a revolt

The doctor prescribed medication to **suppress** the patient's appetite.

testosterone

n. a male hormone that is responsible for the development of male secondary sex characteristics

(1) **testosterone** enhancer, (2) a synthetic derivative of **testosterone**

Training with sufficient intensity increases blood **testosterone** levels.

progesterone

n. a hormone mainly produced in the ovaries of females that helps regulate the menstrual cycle and plays a crucial role in pregnancy

synonym: progestin, gestagen, luteal hormone

(1) **progesterone** receptor, (2) synthetic **progesterone**

During pregnancy, **progesterone** levels rise to support the growth of the fetus.

administrator

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

synonym: manager, executive, supervisor

(1) school **administrator**, (2) network **administrator**

The university's **administrator** announced new policies regarding campus safety.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

regimen

n. a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health

synonym: routine, program, schedule

(1) fitness **regimen**, (2) **regimen** of chemotherapy

My doctor prescribed a strict **regimen** of exercise and healthy eating to help me lose weight.

colleague

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

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym: allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

vitamin

n. any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body

synonym: nutrient, micronutrient, dietary supplement

(1) rich in **vitamin** D, (2) **vitamin** deficiency

Vitamin C is important for immune system function and skin health.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym: food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than

supplements.

restart

v. to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption

synonym: continue, resume, begin anew

(1) **restart** a game, (2) **restart** a nuclear reactor

She tried to **restart** the conversation after the awkward silence.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

ingest

v. to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

synonym: swallow, consume, devour

(1) **ingest** food, (2) **ingest** medication

People who compulsively **ingest** non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

convert

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

synonym: alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16

I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

enzyme

n. a substance produced by a living organism that acts as a catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction

synonym: catalyst, activator, accelerator

(1) **enzyme** reaction, (2) lack of digestive **enzymes**

A deficiency in the **enzyme** can lead to a medical condition.

acid

n. sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

synonym : sour

(1) an **acid** reaction, (2) good source of essential amino **acids**

During pregnancy, the stomach generates less **acid** than usual.

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.

blockade

n. a barrier or obstacle designed to prevent the movement or flow of people, goods, or resources; a military tactic that aims to isolate a specific area or territory by preventing it from receiving supplies or reinforcements

synonym : embargo, siege, encirclement

(1) embargo **blockade**, (2) military **blockade**

The country implemented a **blockade** during the war to prevent goods and supplies from entering or leaving.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

biology

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

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

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

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

intriguing

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

synonym: fascinating, captivating, arresting

(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character

The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their seats.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym: proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

introductory

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

synonym: beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale

The **introductory** class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

greatly

adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

synonym : enormously, broadly, grandly

(1) **greatly** affect the situation, (2) **greatly** support that player

They **greatly** admired our actions.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 2. in_____re in another country's affairs | <i>v.</i> to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing |
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ANSWERS: 1. drawback, 2. interfere, 3. vasectomy, 4. sponge, 5. progesterone, 6. patch, 7. bind, 8. tolerate

9. re____t a game *v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
10. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
11. con_____ion pills *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
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ANSWERS: 9. restart, 10. diet, 11. contraception, 12. diet, 13. norm, 14. sperm, 15. unfortunately, 16. clot, 17. blockade

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19. electronic de____e
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ANSWERS: 18. abortion, 19. device, 20. wary, 21. vary, 22. entirely, 23. hormone, 24. participate, 25. convert, 26. sperm, 27. contraception

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37. safe co___m use *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

ANSWERS: 28. administer, 29. vitamin, 30. brain, 31. smartphone, 32. introductory, 33. pregnant, 34. rely, 35. suppress, 36. patch, 37. condom

38. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
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43. dual ge_____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
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45. female ho_____e *n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

ANSWERS: 38. attempt, 39. volume, 40. regimen, 41. greatly, 42. specifically, 43. gender, 44. condom, 45. hormone

46. te____le injury *n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels
47. school adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
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ANSWERS: 46. testicle, 47. administrator, 48. acid, 49. blockade, 50. brain, 51. vasectomy

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60. a synthetic derivative of tes_____one *n.* a male hormone that is responsible for the development of male secondary sex characteristics

ANSWERS: 52. obvious, 53. monitor, 54. reversible, 55. enzyme, 56. administer, 57. smartphone, 58. function, 59. contraceptive, 60. testosterone

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69. a tr__t of virgin forest *n.* a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body
70. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 61. introductory, 62. decide, 63. involve, 64. convert, 65. acid, 66. monitor, 67. norm, 68. statistics, 69. tract, 70. possibility

71. sp_____te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
72. rep_____ive ability *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
73. en___e reaction *n.* a substance produced by a living organism that acts as a catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction
74. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
75. during rep_____ive period *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
76. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
77. r___y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
78. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
79. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
80. inhibited eja_____on *n.* a sudden and forceful expulsion of something from the body, especially of semen, during sexual activity; a sudden and forceful expression of emotion or sound, similar to a cry

ANSWERS: 71. speculate, 72. reproductive, 73. enzyme, 74. unintended, 75. reproductive, 76. decide, 77. rely, 78. deprive, 79. develop, 80. ejaculation

81. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
82. gr____y support that player *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
83. int_____ng character *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
84. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
85. in_____re with DNA synthesis *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
86. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
87. network adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
88. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
89. to_____te ambiguity *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
90. a urinary tr__t infection *n.* a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body
91. rich in vi_____n D *n.* any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body

ANSWERS: 81. entirely, 82. greatly, 83. intriguing, 84. fantastic, 85. interfere, 86. vary, 87. administrator, 88. device, 89. tolerate, 90. tract, 91. vitamin

92. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
93. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
94. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
95. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
96. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
97. ge____r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
98. st_____rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
99. synthetic pro_____one *n.* a hormone mainly produced in the ovaries of females that helps regulate the menstrual cycle and plays a crucial role in pregnancy
100. su_____ss a yawn *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
101. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 92. participate, 93. biology, 94. obvious, 95. reintroduce, 96. colleague, 97. gender, 98. stubborn, 99. progesterone, 100. suppress, 101. function

102. sp_____te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
103. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
104. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
105. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
106. re_____n of chemotherapy *n.* a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health
107. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
108. in____t food *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
109. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
110. in____t medication *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
111. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
112. con_____ive measures *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

ANSWERS: 102. speculate, 103. relation, 104. fantastic, 105. attempt, 106. regimen, 107. vast, 108. ingest, 109. possibility, 110. ingest, 111. biology, 112. contraceptive

113. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
114. ab_____on doctor *n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
115. w__y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
116. metallic sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
117. int_____ng concept *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
118. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
119. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
120. the dr_____ck of his method *n.* a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive
121. med_____on by mouth *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
122. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 113. volume, 114. abortion, 115. wary, 116. sponge, 117. intriguing, 118. unfortunately, 119. statistics, 120. drawback, 121. medication, 122. develop

123. swollen te____les *n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels
124. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
125. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
126. de____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
127. blood c__t *n.* a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force
128. b__d the man's hands *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
129. re____t a nuclear reactor *v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
130. eja____on disorder *n.* a sudden and forceful expulsion of something from the body, especially of semen, during sexual activity; a sudden and forceful expression of emotion or sound, similar to a cry
131. collaborate with co____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

ANSWERS: 123. testicle, 124. relation, 125. vast, 126. deprive, 127. clot, 128. bind, 129. restart, 130. ejaculation, 131. colleague

132. tes_____one enhancer *n.* a male hormone that is responsible for the development of male secondary sex characteristics
133. rev_____le decision *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
134. antibiotic med_____on *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
135. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
136. rei_____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
137. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
138. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
139. st_____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
140. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant

ANSWERS: 132. testosterone, 133. reversible, 134. medication, 135. pregnant, 136. reintroduce, 137. involve, 138. specifically, 139. stubborn, 140. unintended

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The novel's plot was _____ and kept readers in their seats.
adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
2. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
3. During pregnancy, _____ levels rise to support the growth of the fetus.
n. a hormone mainly produced in the ovaries of females that helps regulate the menstrual cycle and plays a crucial role in pregnancy
4. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
5. He pointed out all the _____ to our plan.
n. a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive
6. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
7. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 1. intriguing, 2. involves, 3. progesterone, 4. norms, 5. drawbacks, 6. develop, 7. smartphones

8. Your talking _____ with my work.
v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
9. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.
v. to take away something from someone
10. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.
v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
11. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.
v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
12. The jacket is _____ so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.
adj. capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
13. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
14. We strongly oppose the _____ ban.
n. the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
15. The athlete was hit in the _____ during the game and had to be removed.
n. one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels

ANSWERS: 8. interferes, 9. deprived, 10. speculated, 11. vary, 12. reversible, 13. participated, 14. abortion, 15. testicle

16. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
17. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.
- v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
18. The _____ patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.
- adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
19. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
20. She vacated the position when she got _____.
- adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
21. I need to sew a _____ onto my jeans that ripped.
- n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
22. Many couples choose _____ as a permanent form of contraception.
- n.* a surgical procedure involves cutting or blocking the vas deferens (= the tubes that carry sperm from the testicles to the urethra), which is a form of male birth control, resulting in permanent sterilization
23. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

ANSWERS: 16. brain, 17. reintroduce, 18. contraceptive, 19. biology, 20. pregnant, 21. patch, 22. vasectomy, 23. specifically

24. _____ C is important for immune system function and skin health.
- n.* any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body
25. The farmer owns a large _____ of land where he grows corn and soybeans.
- n.* a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body
26. My doctor prescribed a strict _____ of exercise and healthy eating to help me lose weight.
- n.* a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health
27. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
28. The tiny marine _____ has existed for more than 500 million years.
- n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
29. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.
- adj.* not planned or meant
30. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.
- v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
31. This documentary deals with the _____ biology of the buffalo.
- adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

ANSWERS: 24. Vitamin, 25. tract, 26. regimen, 27. possibility, 28. sponge, 29. unintended, 30. monitor, 31. reproductive

32. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

33. The country implemented a _____ during the war to prevent goods and supplies from entering or leaving.

n. a barrier or obstacle designed to prevent the movement or flow of people, goods, or resources; a military tactic that aims to isolate a specific area or territory by preventing it from receiving supplies or reinforcements

34. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

35. The pharmacist not only prescribes the _____ but also guides its proper use.

n. a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

36. The _____ in the blood vessel required immediate medical attention.

n. a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force

37. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

38. The doctor prescribed medication to _____ the patient's appetite.

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

39. Condoms are a common method of _____ that both men and women can use.

n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

ANSWERS: 32. vast, 33. blockade, 34. rely, 35. medication, 36. clot, 37. convert, 38.

suppress, 39. contraception

40. Diabetes and multiple sclerosis are among the medical conditions that can cause retrograde _____.
- n.* a sudden and forceful expulsion of something from the body, especially of semen, during sexual activity; a sudden and forceful expression of emotion or sound, similar to a cry
41. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
42. She tried to _____ the conversation after the awkward silence.
- v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
43. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
44. The third _____ was far more successful.
- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
45. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
46. A deficiency in the _____ can lead to a medical condition.
- n.* a substance produced by a living organism that acts as a catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction

ANSWERS: 40. ejaculation, 41. function, 42. restart, 43. device, 44. attempt, 45. obvious, 46. enzyme

47. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
- n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
48. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
49. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
- n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
50. Using a _____ during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.
- n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
51. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
- adj.* extremely good; excellent
52. People who compulsively _____ non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.
- v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
53. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
- v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

ANSWERS: 47. diet, 48. statistics, 49. volume, 50. condom, 51. fantastic, 52. ingest, 53. administer

54. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
55. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
56. During pregnancy, the stomach generates less _____ than usual.
n. sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
57. Training with sufficient intensity increases blood _____ levels.
n. a male hormone that is responsible for the development of male secondary sex characteristics
58. The male _____ fertilizes the female egg.
n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
59. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
60. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
61. She was _____ of meeting new people because of past experiences.
adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

ANSWERS: 54. stubborn, 55. colleague, 56. acid, 57. testosterone, 58. sperm, 59. decide, 60. gender, 61. wary

62. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

63. They _____ admired our actions.

adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

64. I can't _____ spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

65. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

66. The company's rules _____ the employee's working hours.

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

67. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

68. The university's _____ announced new policies regarding campus safety.

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

69. The doctor diagnosed me with a _____ disorder.

n. a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

ANSWERS: 62. unfortunately, 63. greatly, 64. tolerate, 65. entirely, 66. bind, 67. relations, 68. administrator, 69. hormone

70. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

ANSWERS: 70. introductory