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Session 1: Word List

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

skepticism

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

synonym: distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

endowment

n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization

synonym: fund, gift, donation

(1) education **endowment** insurance, (2) **endowment** gift

The wealthy benefactor's **endowment** helped the university build a new library.

symphony

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called

movements

synonym : orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

apiece

adv. to, from, or by each one of a group

synonym : each

(1) one **apiece**, (2) give two dollars **apiece**

These toys are five dollars **apiece**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

cohesion

n. the act or state of keeping or sticking together

synonym : coherence, coherency, cohesiveness

(1) social **cohesion**, (2) the **cohesion** of a team

We gain higher levels of social **cohesion** and stability.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym : contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. social co_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or state of keeping or sticking together |
| 2. ex___e rebellion | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 3. one ap___e | <i>adv.</i> to, from, or by each one of a group |
| 4. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 5. natural ske_____sm | <i>n.</i> an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge |
| 6. education en_____nt insurance | <i>n.</i> a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization |
| 7. ins_____ize customary laws | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 8. ex___e the crowd | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 9. a beautiful sy_____ny | <i>n.</i> a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements |

ANSWERS: 1. cohesion, 2. excite, 3. apiece, 4. industrious, 5. skepticism, 6. endowment, 7. institutionalize, 8. excite, 9. symphony

10. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. the co_____on of a team *n.* the act or state of keeping or sticking together
12. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
13. give two dollars ap____e *adv.* to, from, or by each one of a group
14. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
15. political pa____n *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
16. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
17. ske_____sm toward bureaucracy *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
18. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
19. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
20. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

ANSWERS: 10. opportune, 11. cohesion, 12. institutionalize, 13. apiece, 14. intimidate, 15. patron, 16. skeptical, 17. skepticism, 18. opportune, 19. industrious, 20. intimidate

21. a sy____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
22. en_____nt gift *n.* a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
23. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
24. the pa___n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

ANSWERS: 21. symphony, 22. endowment, 23. skeptical, 24. patron

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
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v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
5. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful
6. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
7. They have been a _____ of this restaurant for many years.
n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
8. We gain higher levels of social _____ and stability.
n. the act or state of keeping or sticking together

ANSWERS: 1. industrious, 2. opportune, 3. endowment, 4. excited, 5. skeptical, 6. institutionalize, 7. patron, 8. cohesion

9. These toys are five dollars _____.

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10. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

11. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

12. This party expresses _____ about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

ANSWERS: 9. apiece, 10. intimidate, 11. symphony, 12. skepticism