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Session 1: Word List

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym : non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym : shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym : corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

segregate

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

synonym : isolate, separate, divide

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

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

hijab

n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

synonym : veil, headscarf, cover

(1) woman's **hijab**, (2) **hijab** garment

Many Muslim women wear a **hijab** as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

beautician

n. a person whose occupation involves providing beauty treatments for the hair, skin, and overall appearance, such as styling hair, applying makeup, or performing facials

synonym : cosmetician, hairdresser

(1) **beautician** services, (2) professional **beautician**

The **beautician** at the salon gave me a stunning makeover for my special event.

unborn

adj. not yet born

synonym : coming, future

(1) an **unborn** child, (2) **unborn** generations

It is unknown whether this vaccine is effective in an **unborn** baby.

unbeknownst

adv. without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

synonym : secretly, covertly

(1) **unbeknownst** to me, (2) **unbeknownst** to any of us
Unbeknownst to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym: intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task
My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

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.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else
Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

handcuff

n. a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

synonym: shackle, bind, restraint

(1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs**
The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before

placing them in the squad car.

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.

tremble

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

synonym: shiver, flutter, quaver

(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion

When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.

introspective

adj. characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection

synonym: thoughtful, reflective, contemplative

(1) **introspective** thoughts, (2) **introspective** personality

His poetry was deeply **introspective**, exploring themes of identity, loss, and the human condition.

paramount

adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

synonym: central, major, crucial

(1) the lord **paramount**, (2) **paramount** to all the others

This country became a country of **paramount** geostrategic importance to us.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

legalese

n. the language or vocabulary used in legal documents, often characterized by long, complex sentences, technical jargon, and archaic terms

synonym : jargon, legal terminology

(1) use of **legalese**, (2) dry **legalese**

The legal document was filled with confusing **legalese** that required a lawyer to interpret.

psychopath

n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

synonym : sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

psychotropic

adj. relating to or affecting the mind or mental processes, often used to describe drugs, substances, or medications that affect mood, perception, or behavior

synonym : mind-altering, psychoactive, hallucinogenic

(1) **psychotropic** substances, (2) **psychotropic** effects

The **psychotropic** medication helped to alleviate her anxiety and depression symptoms.

psychiatry

n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

synonym : mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**

The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

schizophrenia

n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

synonym : psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

impute

v. to attribute or ascribe a quality or action to someone or something; to assign responsibility or blame for a particular act or outcome

synonym: attribute, ascribe, assign

(1) **impute** guilt to him without evidence, (2) **impute** the accident to the inattentiveness

He tried to **impute** the project's failure on his team members, but they were not responsible.

courthouse

n. a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located

synonym: court, tribunal, judiciary

(1) **courthouse** security, (2) municipal **courthouse**

The verdict was announced at the **courthouse** after a long trial.

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held

synonym: law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

revolve

v. to rotate around a central point

synonym: rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis

The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
synonym : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

dropout

n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

synonym : noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

petty

adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

synonym : minor, insignificant, trivial

(1) **petty** crime, (2) **petty** cash

The **petty** arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

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.

judiciary

n. persons who administer or enforce justice

synonym : tribunal, bench, court

(1) independence of the **judiciary**, (2) member of the **judiciary**

The **judiciary** of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.

sanction

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

synonym : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

giveback

n. an act or instance of returning something that was previously received, often used in the context of donating money, resources, or time for charitable or philanthropic purposes

(1) employee **giveback**, (2) philanthropic **giveback**

The company organized a **giveback** program to donate some of its profits to charity.

haze

n. atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity

synonym : fog, mist, brume

(1) a **haze** of illusion, (2) **haze** of tears

We couldn't see him through the **haze** of smoke.

sorority

n. a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities

synonym : sisterhood, female fraternity

(1) **sorority** house, (2) **sorority** recruitment

The **sorority** sisters hosted a fundraiser for their chosen charity.

fraternity

n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

synonym: brotherhood, association, society

(1) the medical **fraternity**, (2) **fraternity** party

My college students join a **fraternity** to make connections and build a sense of community.

scum

n. a layer of unwanted or unclean material that forms on the surface of a liquid or a solid, often containing dirt, oil, or other debris, also used figuratively to describe undesirable people or groups

synonym: dregs, slime, filth

(1) bathtub **scum**, (2) **scum** of the earth

The **scum** on the pond's surface made seeing the fish swimming below difficult.

foray

n. a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging

synonym: raid, attack, incursion

(1) make a quick **foray**, (2) **foray** into politics

The company made a **foray** into the Chinese market.

barge

n. a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner

synonym: boat, vessel, flatboat

(1) **barge** through the crowded hallway, (2) canal **barge**

The captain of the **barge** navigated through the narrow canal with ease.

coax

v. to persuade, encourage, or gently urge someone to do something; to manipulate or persuade something to work or function properly

synonym : persuade, cajole, lure

(1) **coax** a confession, (2) **coax** a smile

She tried to **coax** her cat out of the tree with a can of tuna.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym : wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

wring

v. to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure

synonym : squeeze, twist, compress

(1) **wring** out a towel, (2) **wring** a secret

I had to **wring** out my wet clothes before putting them in the dryer.

strut

v. to walk with a proud, stiff, and often exaggerated gait; to bulge or protrude outward, especially in a decorative or showy manner; (noun) a structural component designed to resist pressure or tension

synonym : swagger, strut, parade

(1) **strut** for support, (2) **strut** around the girls

She **strutted** out of the meeting after being challenged on her ideas.

revolutionize

v. to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

synonym : transform, innovate, modernize

(1) **revolutionize** the industry, (2) **revolutionize** the technology

The invention of the smartphone **revolutionized** the way we

communicate with each other.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
2. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
3. con_____us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
4. independence of the ju_____ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
5. tr_____e violently with emotion *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
6. of___d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
7. make a quick fo__y *n.* a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging
8. philanthropic gi_____ck *n.* an act or instance of returning something that was previously received, often used in the context of donating money, resources, or time for charitable or philanthropic purposes
9. re_____e around a central axis *v.* to rotate around a central point
10. sch_____nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

ANSWERS: 1. annoy, 2. prostitute, 3. contagious, 4. judiciary, 5. tremble, 6. offend, 7. foray, 8. giveback, 9. revolve, 10. schizophrenia

11. tra_____er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
12. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
13. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
14. the lord pa_____nt *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
15. wr__g out a towel *v.* to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure
16. dr_____t student *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
17. woman's hi__b *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
18. mi_____ed policies *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
19. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
20. cou_____se security *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located

ANSWERS: 11. transgender, 12. annoy, 13. envelop, 14. paramount, 15. wring, 16. dropout, 17. hijab, 18. misguided, 19. intimidate, 20. courthouse

21. the medical fra_____ty *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
22. pe__y cash *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
23. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
24. pa_____nt to all the others *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
25. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
26. violent psy_____th *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
27. professional bea_____an *n.* a person whose occupation involves providing beauty treatments for the hair, skin, and overall appearance, such as styling hair, applying makeup, or performing facials
28. wr__g a secret *v.* to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure

ANSWERS: 21. fraternity, 22. petty, 23. aisle, 24. paramount, 25. prostitute, 26. psychopath, 27. beautician, 28. wring

29. co____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
30. rev_____ize the industry *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
31. an un___n child *adj.* not yet born
32. psy_____ry therapy *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
33. member of the ju_____ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
34. en____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
35. bathtub s__m *n.* a layer of unwanted or unclean material that forms on the surface of a liquid or a solid, often containing dirt, oil, or other debris, also used figuratively to describe undesirable people or groups
36. psy_____pic substances *adj.* relating to or affecting the mind or mental processes, often used to describe drugs, substances, or medications that affect mood, perception, or behavior
37. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
38. tr____e in fear *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

ANSWERS: 29. confuse, 30. revolutionize, 31. unborn, 32. psychiatry, 33. judiciary, 34. envelop, 35. scum, 36. psychotropic, 37. aisle, 38. tremble

39. so____ty house *n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
40. popular sa____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
41. tra_____er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
42. use of le____se *n.* the language or vocabulary used in legal documents, often characterized by long, complex sentences, technical jargon, and archaic terms
43. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
44. fra_____ty party *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
45. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
46. unb_____st to me *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

ANSWERS: 39. sorority, 40. sanction, 41. transgender, 42. legalese, 43. confuse, 44. fraternity, 45. yell, 46. unbeknownst

47. im___e guilt to him without evidence *v.* to attribute or ascribe a quality or action to someone or something; to assign responsibility or blame for a particular act or outcome
48. the dr_____t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
49. seem like a da_____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
50. st__t for support *v.* to walk with a proud, stiff, and often exaggerated gait; to bulge or protrude outward, especially in a decorative or showy manner; (noun) a structural component designed to resist pressure or tension
51. c__x a confession *v.* to persuade, encourage, or gently urge someone to do something; to manipulate or persuade something to work or function properly
52. ha_____ff his wrists *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
53. Internet ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 47. impute, 48. dropout, 49. daunting, 50. strut, 51. coax, 52. handcuff, 53. addict

54. employee gi____ck *n.* an act or instance of returning something that was previously received, often used in the context of donating money, resources, or time for charitable or philanthropic purposes
55. face the da____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
56. con_____us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
57. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
58. rev_____ize the technology *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
59. bea_____an services *n.* a person whose occupation involves providing beauty treatments for the hair, skin, and overall appearance, such as styling hair, applying makeup, or performing facials
60. unb_____st to any of us *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
61. fo__y into politics *n.* a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging
62. a h__e of illusion *n.* atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity

ANSWERS: 54. giveback, 55. daunting, 56. contagious, 57. opportune, 58. revolutionize, 59. beautician, 60. unbeknownst, 61. foray, 62. haze

63. biological psy_____ry *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
64. co_____om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
65. ba__e through the crowded hallway *n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner
66. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
67. a drug ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
68. break free from ha_____fs *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
69. of____d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
70. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
71. im____e the accident to the inattentiveness *v.* to attribute or ascribe a quality or action to someone or something; to assign responsibility or blame for a particular act or outcome

ANSWERS: 63. psychiatry, 64. courtroom, 65. barge, 66. greet, 67. addict, 68. handcuff, 69. offend, 70. opportune, 71. impute

72. a mi_____ed sense of duty *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
73. pe__y crime *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
74. un___n generations *adj.* not yet born
75. int_____ive thoughts *adj.* characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection
76. int_____ive personality *adj.* characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection
77. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
78. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
79. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
80. psy_____th tendencies *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

ANSWERS: 72. misguided, 73. petty, 74. unborn, 75. introspective, 76. introspective, 77. intimidate, 78. segregate, 79. segregate, 80. psychopath

81. psy_____pic effects *adj.* relating to or affecting the mind or mental processes, often used to describe drugs, substances, or medications that affect mood, perception, or behavior
82. h__e of tears *n.* atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity
83. dry le_____se *n.* the language or vocabulary used in legal documents, often characterized by long, complex sentences, technical jargon, and archaic terms
84. re_____e at high speed *v.* to rotate around a central point
85. canal ba__e *n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner
86. hi__b garment *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
87. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
88. st__t around the girls *v.* to walk with a proud, stiff, and often exaggerated gait; to bulge or protrude outward, especially in a decorative or showy manner; (noun) a structural component designed to resist pressure or tension

ANSWERS: 81. psychotropic, 82. haze, 83. legalese, 84. revolve, 85. barge, 86. hijab, 87. greet, 88. strut

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92. s__m of the earth *n.* a layer of unwanted or unclean material that forms on the surface of a liquid or a solid, often containing dirt, oil, or other debris, also used figuratively to describe undesirable people or groups
93. sch_____nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
94. Imperial sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 89. courthouse, 90. sorority, 91. coax, 92. scum, 93. schizophrenia, 94. sanction

95. co_____om trial

n. a room in which a court of law is held

96. y__l as loud as we can

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

ANSWERS: 95. courtroom, 96. yell

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The Earth _____ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.
v. to rotate around a central point
2. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.
n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
3. This country became a country of _____ geostrategic importance to us.
adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
4. The _____ at the salon gave me a stunning makeover for my special event.
n. a person whose occupation involves providing beauty treatments for the hair, skin, and overall appearance, such as styling hair, applying makeup, or performing facials
5. The company organized a _____ program to donate some of its profits to charity.
n. an act or instance of returning something that was previously received, often used in the context of donating money, resources, or time for charitable or philanthropic purposes
6. She _____ out of the meeting after being challenged on her ideas.
v. to walk with a proud, stiff, and often exaggerated gait; to bulge or protrude outward, especially in a decorative or showy manner; (noun) a structural component designed to resist pressure or tension

ANSWERS: 1. revolves, 2. aisle, 3. paramount, 4. beautician, 5. giveback, 6. strutted

7. The police officer put _____ on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.
- n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
8. He tried to _____ the project's failure on his team members, but they were not responsible.
- v.* to attribute or ascribe a quality or action to someone or something; to assign responsibility or blame for a particular act or outcome
9. The _____ on the pond's surface made seeing the fish swimming below difficult.
- n.* a layer of unwanted or unclean material that forms on the surface of a liquid or a solid, often containing dirt, oil, or other debris, also used figuratively to describe undesirable people or groups
10. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
- v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
11. The _____ medication helped to alleviate her anxiety and depression symptoms.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the mind or mental processes, often used to describe drugs, substances, or medications that affect mood, perception, or behavior
12. We couldn't see him through the _____ of smoke.
- n.* atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity
13. The invention of the smartphone _____ the way we communicate with each other.
- v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

ANSWERS: 7. handcuffs, 8. impute, 9. scum, 10. offended, 11. psychotropic, 12. haze, 13. revolutionized

14. The detective identified the _____ who had been terrorizing the city for months.
- n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
15. The verdict was announced at the _____ after a long trial.
- n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
16. The _____ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.
- n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
17. 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
18. The _____ of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.
- n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
19. The field of _____ is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.
- n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
20. The high school _____ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.
- n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

ANSWERS: 14. psychopath, 15. courthouse, 16. schizophrenia, 17. misguided, 18. judiciary, 19. psychiatry, 20. dropout

21. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

22. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

23. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

24. The captain of the _____ navigated through the narrow canal with ease.

n. a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner

25. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

26. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

27. The legal document was filled with confusing _____ that required a lawyer to interpret.

n. the language or vocabulary used in legal documents, often characterized by long, complex sentences, technical jargon, and archaic terms

ANSWERS: 21. opportune, 22. contagious, 23. yelled, 24. barge, 25. prostitute, 26. sanctions, 27. legalese

28. His poetry was deeply _____ exploring themes of identity, loss, and the human condition.
adj. characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection
29. I had to _____ out my wet clothes before putting them in the dryer.
v. to twist, squeeze, or compress something, especially to extract liquid or force out excess; to cause emotional or mental distress; to extract information by force or pressure
30. It is unknown whether this vaccine is effective in an _____ baby.
adj. not yet born
31. 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
32. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
33. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.
adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
34. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
35. The _____ sisters hosted a fundraiser for their chosen charity.
n. a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities

ANSWERS: 28. introspective, 29. wring, 30. unborn, 31. intimidate, 32. enveloped, 33. daunting, 34. confused, 35. sorority

36. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

37. _____ to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

adv. without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

38. The company made a _____ into the Chinese market.

n. a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging

39. My college students join a _____ to make connections and build a sense of community.

n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

40. The eyewitness took the stand in the _____ and gave testimony crucial to the case.

n. a room in which a court of law is held

41. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

42. Many Muslim women wear a _____ as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

43. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 36. transgender, 37. Unbeknownst, 38. foray, 39. fraternity, 40. courtroom, 41. trembled, 42. hijab, 43. addicts

44. She tried to _____ her cat out of the tree with a can of tuna.
- v. to persuade, encourage, or gently urge someone to do something; to manipulate or persuade something to work or function properly
45. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
- v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
46. The _____ arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.
- adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
47. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
- v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
48. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.
- v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

ANSWERS: 44. coax, 45. annoy, 46. petty, 47. greeted, 48. segregate