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Session 1: Word List

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

underdog

n. a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context

synonym: loser, victim

(1) cheer for the **underdog**, (2) classic **underdog** story

The **underdog** team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.

incumbent

n. a person who currently holds a particular position or job, especially in politics or public office; a duty or obligation that is required as part of a particular role or job

synonym: holder, occupant, officeholder

(1) **incumbent** party, (2) **incumbent** duties

The **incumbent** president is seeking re-election for another term in office.

opponent

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

synonym: adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**

He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

classic

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

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

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

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

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

synonym: strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

endorsement

n. an official statement of approval or support for a person, policy, product, or service; a signature or stamp on a legal document

synonym: approval, support, recommendation

(1) **endorsement** letter, (2) product **endorsement**

The politician received the **endorsement** of several major newspapers.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

refugee

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

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

gem

n. a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

synonym : jewel, precious stone, diamond

(1) **gem** collection, (2) hidden **gem**

The enga **gement** ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.

liberal

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

synonym : broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions

He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

endorse

v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something

synonym: approve, support, advocate

(1) **endorse** candidate, (2) **endorse** a check

The celebrity **endorsed** the new product on social media.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

fame

n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

synonym: celebrity, renown, stardom

(1) leap into **fame**, (2) his undying **fame**

Good **fame** is better than a good face.

bastion

n. a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
synonym: stronghold, fortification, bulwark

(1) **bastion** of good sense, (2) a **bastion** against corruption
The ancient fortification served as a **bastion** of defense against invaders for centuries.

liberalism

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
synonym: progressivism, open-mindedness, humanism

(1) classical **liberalism**, (2) economic **liberalism**
His political views are rooted in neo- **liberalism**.

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.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect
The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**
Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something
synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

transparent

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

synonym: translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

synonym: animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors

A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

ethos

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

synonym: principles, ideology, philosophy

(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**

Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

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.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym: forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

circus

n. a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment

synonym: fair, carnival, spectacle

(1) **circus** performer, (2) **circus** tent

The kids were excited to go to the **circus** and see the clowns and animals perform.

promoter

n. a person or organization that helps to promote or publicize something, such as an event, product, or idea

synonym: advocate, champion, supporter

(1) event **promoter**, (2) **promoter** gene

She was hired as a product **promoter** to advertise the company's products.

magnetism

n. the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something

synonym: attraction, charisma, allure

(1) the **magnetism** of the moon, (2) animal **magnetism**

The child was drawn to the **magnetism** of the colorful toy display in the store.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

division

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym: branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym: mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

constituency

n. a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product

synonym: voters, electorate

(1) **constituency** needs, (2) local **constituency**

The politician met with his **constituency** to hear their concerns and ideas.

divisive

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

synonym: polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments

The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym : energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym : substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

bipartisan

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

synonym : neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both

parties.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

bush

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

synonym: copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair

I am going to trim this **bush** off.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym: assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

numerical

adj. relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
synonym : quantitative, numeral, mathematical

(1) 3D **numerical** simulation, (2) the **numerical** keypad
The **numerical** value of Pi is approximately 3.14.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery
How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

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.

publicize

v. to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

synonym : advertise, promote, announce

(1) **publicize** event, (2) **publicize** research findings

The company hired a PR firm to **publicize** its new product.

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym : legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

governor

n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

synonym : administrator, executive, leader

(1) **governor** general, (2) a prefectural **governor**

The state **governor** visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

premise

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

synonym : assumption, postulate, supposition

(1) the major **premise**, (2) make a **premise**

The book's **premise** is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym : candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

tuition

n. the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services

synonym: fee, schooling, education

(1) **tuition** assistance, (2) a college **tuition**

His father cannot afford his **tuition**.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

mayor

n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government

synonym: governor, leader, chief executive

(1) a deputy **mayor**, (2) **mayor's** race

The incumbent **mayor** announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym: lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

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.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

allocate

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

synonym: apportion, assign, distribute

(1) **allocate** resource, (2) **allocate** budgets

The company **allocated** a portion of its profits to developing new products.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3

percentage points higher than in the previous.

problematic

adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
synonym : inappropriate, inconvenient, worrisome

(1) a **problematic** situation, (2) seems to be highly **problematic**

Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving **problematic** situations within a community.

standpoint

n. a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter

synonym : viewpoint, perspective, opinion

(1) **standpoint** theory, (2) moral **standpoint**

From a marketing **standpoint**, this product may need to be more effective.

kidney

n. either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine

(1) an artificial **kidney**, (2) chronic **kidney** disease

The surgeon removed the healthy **kidney** from the donor.

homicide

n. the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings

synonym : murder, killing, manslaughter

(1) mass **homicide**, (2) serial **homicide**

The detective was called to investigate a **homicide** in the city.

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym : set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures

This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

cheaply

adv. in a stingy or inexpensive manner

synonym : inexpensively, tattily, stingily

(1) **cheaply** available, (2) buy stock **cheaply**

You can live very **cheaply** in Southeast Asia.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

homeless

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

synonym: destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

vacant

adj. not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation

synonym: empty, unoccupied, available

(1) **vacant** land, (2) **vacant** position

The real estate agent showed me a **vacant** apartment perfect for my needs.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym: relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations
Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym: execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym: motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

utilize

v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

synonym: employ, use, operate

(1) **utilize** a different approach, (2) **utilize** a catheter

The cook **utilized** the leftover oxtail to make soup.

silo

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

synonym: storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silo**, (2) **silo** organization

The farmer used a **silo** to store feed for the animals.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

stakeholder

n. a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business

synonym: shareholder, interested party

(1) **stakeholder** engagement, (2) improve **stakeholder** relations

The organization held **stakeholder** consultations to gather input on the project.

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.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym : worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

morale

n. the emotional or mental state of a person or group, especially in relation to confidence, enthusiasm, and determination

synonym : spirit, confidence, optimism

(1) the **morale** of soldiers, (2) improve employee **morale**

The team's **morale** improved after winning the championship.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university

or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym : daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym : disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

predominantly

adv. mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group

synonym : mostly, chiefly, largely

(1) **predominantly** rural, (2) **predominantly** Christian

The neighborhood is **predominantly** made up of young families with children.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym : honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

synonym : terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

expectancy

n. the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something

synonym : prospect, anticipation, hope

(1) life **expectancy**, (2) customer **expectancy**

There is a high **expectancy** for the new product to exceed sales targets.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym : difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

regardless

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

synonym: anyhow, nevertheless, still

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

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

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym: district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

squander

v. to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely

synonym: waste, fritter away, dissipate

(1) **squander** money, (2) **squander** a chance

He **squandered** his inheritance on frivolous purchases.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs
He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

synonym: grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

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.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. fire st__k | <i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material |
| 2. de_____cy advocate | <i>n.</i> a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so |
| 3. the fr__e of the policy | <i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window |
| 4. pre_____tly Christian | <i>adv.</i> mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group |
| 5. el__t the school board | <i>v.</i> to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something |
| 6. gr_____te degree program | <i>n.</i> a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree |
| 7. di_____ee about a particular issue | <i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc. |
| 8. crack of d__n | <i>n.</i> the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky |

ANSWERS: 1. stick, 2. democracy, 3. frame, 4. predominantly, 5. elect, 6. graduate, 7. disagree, 8. dawn

9. chronic ki___y disease *n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine
10. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
11. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
12. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
13. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
14. va___t land *adj.* not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation
15. em____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
16. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
17. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

ANSWERS: 9. kidney, 10. creative, 11. fan, 12. capita, 13. tradition, 14. vacant, 15. employee, 16. communal, 17. protest

18. acc_____sh a goal *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
19. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
20. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
21. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
22. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
23. the agricultural yield per ca____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
24. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
25. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
26. sh____k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
27. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 18. accomplish, 19. troop, 20. ultimate, 21. obvious, 22. religion, 23. capita, 24. sacrifice, 25. achieve, 26. shrink, 27. opportune

28. the nu_____al keypad *adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
29. seems to be highly pro_____ic *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
30. do aw__l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
31. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
32. pu_____ze event *v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
33. income di_____ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
34. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
35. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
36. al_____te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
37. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
38. corporate et__s *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

ANSWERS: 28. numerical, 29. problematic, 30. awful, 31. sect, 32. publicize, 33. disparity, 34. implement, 35. contrast, 36. allocate, 37. politician, 38. ethos

39. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
40. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
41. animal ma_____sm *n.* the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something
42. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
43. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
44. pl_____ok strategy *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
45. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
46. di_____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
47. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
48. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

ANSWERS: 39. philanthropy, 40. replace, 41. magnetism, 42. contrast, 43. obvious, 44. playbook, 45. aspiration, 46. division, 47. politician, 48. aspiration

49. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
50. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
51. a fountain of wi___m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
52. go_____or general *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
53. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
54. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
55. s__o organization *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
56. 3D nu_____al simulation *adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
57. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 49. republican, 50. conventional, 51. wisdom, 52. governor, 53. trump, 54. fan, 55. silo, 56. numerical, 57. communal

58. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
59. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
60. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
61. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
62. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
63. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
64. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
65. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 58. nonprofit, 59. labor, 60. refugee, 61. president, 62. sacrifice, 63. improvisation, 64. trump, 65. eventually

66. classical lib_____sm *n.* a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
67. death-penalty op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
68. com_____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
69. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
70. under li_____l conditions *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
71. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
72. g_m collection *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
73. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
74. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 66. liberalism, 67. opponent, 68. commemorate, 69. instinct, 70. liberal, 71. abandon, 72. gem, 73. protest, 74. philosophy

75. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
76. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
77. an aw__l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
78. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
79. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
80. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
81. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
82. classic un_____og story *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
83. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 75. regardless, 76. genius, 77. awful, 78. regardless, 79. institutionalize, 80. achieve, 81. county, 82. underdog, 83. riot

84. ba____n of good sense *n.* a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
85. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
86. event pr____er *n.* a person or organization that helps to promote or publicize something, such as an event, product, or idea
87. pr____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
88. ch____y available *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
89. a tra____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
90. computer op____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
91. im____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
92. phi____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
93. ut____e a catheter *v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
94. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 84. bastion, 85. troop, 86. promoter, 87. principle, 88. cheaply, 89. transparent, 90. opponent, 91. implement, 92. philosophy, 93. utilize, 94. spirit

95. ho____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
96. serial ho____de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
97. political pl____ok *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
98. fo____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
99. a ba____n against corruption *n.* a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
100. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
101. a city vi____t with life *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
102. throughout the co____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
103. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
104. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
105. pr____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 95. hometown, 96. homicide, 97. playbook, 98. fortunate, 99. bastion, 100. crack, 101. vibrant, 102. county, 103. quarter, 104. basis, 105. principle

106. in_____nt duties *n.* a person who currently holds a particular position or job, especially in politics or public office; a duty or obligation that is required as part of a particular role or job
107. ho_____ss shelter *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
108. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
109. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
110. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
111. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
112. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
113. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
114. variety of vi_____t colors *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
115. sq_____er money *v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
116. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
117. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 106. incumbent, 107. homeless, 108. philanthropy, 109. union, 110. responsible, 111. dumb, 112. broad, 113. quarter, 114. vibrant, 115. squander, 116. innovate, 117. statistics

118. improve sta_____er relations *n.* a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business
119. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
120. va___t position *adj.* not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation
121. the ma_____sm of the moon *n.* the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something
122. suppress di_____ve arguments *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
123. a college tu_____n *n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
124. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
125. buy stock ch_____y *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
126. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
127. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

ANSWERS: 118. stakeholder, 119. bush, 120. vacant, 121. magnetism, 122. divisive, 123. tuition, 124. identify, 125. cheaply, 126. fortunate, 127. classic

128. ma__r's race *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
129. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
130. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
131. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
132. cheer for the un_____og *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
133. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
134. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
135. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
136. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

ANSWERS: 128. mayor, 129. elect, 130. genius, 131. transparent, 132. underdog, 133. emphasize, 134. religion, 135. policy, 136. native

137. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
138. local con_____ncy *n.* a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product
139. dy_____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
140. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
141. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
142. make a pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
143. pr_____er gene *n.* a person or organization that helps to promote or publicize something, such as an event, product, or idea
144. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
145. pu_____ze research findings *v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

ANSWERS: 137. negative, 138. constituency, 139. dynamic, 140. broad, 141. native, 142. premise, 143. promoter, 144. innovation, 145. publicize

146. ci___s performer *n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
147. pu____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
148. de___y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
149. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
150. customer exp_____cy *n.* the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something
151. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
152. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
153. mass ho_____de *n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
154. en_____e a check *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
155. local h___o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 146. circus, 147. publicly, 148. deploy, 149. unfortunately, 150. expectancy, 151. define, 152. decide, 153. homicide, 154. endorse, 155. hero

156. moral sta_____nt *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
157. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
158. an air-cooled en____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
159. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
160. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
161. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
162. de___y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
163. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
164. com_____te a deed *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

ANSWERS: 156. standpoint, 157. strategy, 158. engine, 159. sect, 160. graduate, 161. decide, 162. deploy, 163. vision, 164. commemorate

165. a dy____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
166. al____te budgets *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
167. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
168. sh____k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
169. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
170. sq____er a chance *v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
171. nuclear s__o *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
172. pro____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
173. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

ANSWERS: 165. dynamic, 166. allocate, 167. union, 168. shrink, 169. violent, 170. squander, 171. silo, 172. progression, 173. vision

174. a circular mo_____nt
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
175. a pro_____ic situation
adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
176. pre_____tly rural
adv. mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group
177. an eligible vo__r
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
178. con_____ncy needs
n. a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product
179. product end_____nt
n. an official statement of approval or support for a person, policy, product, or service; a signature or stamp on a legal document
180. st__k a key in a lock
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
181. id_____fy handwriting
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
182. city co_____l election
n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

ANSWERS: 174. movement, 175. problematic, 176. predominantly, 177. voter, 178. constituency, 179. endorsement, 180. stick, 181. identify, 182. council

183. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
184. pu____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
185. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
186. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
187. a li_____l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
188. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
189. a deputy ma__r *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
190. ci___s tent *n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
191. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
192. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
193. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 183. folk, 184. publicly, 185. violent, 186. opposition, 187. liberal, 188. opposition, 189. mayor, 190. circus, 191. council, 192. disagree, 193. progression

194. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
195. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
196. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
197. a con_____nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
198. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
199. sta_____er engagement *n.* a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business
200. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
201. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
202. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
203. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
204. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 194. innovation, 195. hometown, 196. refugee, 197. conventional, 198. ultimate, 199. stakeholder, 200. innovate, 201. eventually, 202. nonprofit, 203. republican, 204. labor

205. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
206. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
207. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
208. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
209. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
210. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
211. ut_____e a different approach *v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
212. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
213. an artificial ki____y *n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine
214. the major pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
215. di_____ve question *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

ANSWERS: 205. crack, 206. president, 207. demonstrate, 208. government, 209. responsible, 210. replace, 211. utilize, 212. relentless, 213. kidney, 214. premise, 215. divisive

216. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
217. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
218. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
219. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
220. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
221. tu_____n assistance *n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
222. economic lib_____sm *n.* a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
223. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

ANSWERS: 216. dawn, 217. policy, 218. grasp, 219. recognize, 220. movement, 221. tuition, 222. liberalism, 223. dumb

224. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
225. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
226. the mo___e of soldiers *n.* the emotional or mental state of a person or group, especially in relation to confidence, enthusiasm, and determination
227. em_____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
228. leap into f___e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
229. no___l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
230. promote bip_____an cooperation *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
231. historical no___l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
232. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
233. r___t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
234. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 224. unfortunately, 225. strategy, 226. morale, 227. emphasize, 228. fame, 229. novel, 230. bipartisan, 231. novel, 232. government, 233. riot, 234. recognize

235. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
236. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
237. sta_____nt theory *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
238. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
239. cellular di_____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
240. a prefectural go_____or *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
241. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
242. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
243. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 235. creative, 236. spirit, 237. standpoint, 238. tradition, 239. division, 240. governor, 241. opportune, 242. basis, 243. frame

244. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
245. et__s of science *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
246. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
247. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
248. end_____nt letter *n.* an official statement of approval or support for a person, policy, product, or service; a signature or stamp on a legal document
249. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
250. en_____e candidate *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
251. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
252. in_____nt party *n.* a person who currently holds a particular position or job, especially in politics or public office; a duty or obligation that is required as part of a particular role or job
253. a steam en____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

ANSWERS: 244. demonstrate, 245. ethos, 246. democracy, 247. bush, 248. endorsement, 249. negative, 250. endorse, 251. abandon, 252. incumbent, 253. engine

254. hidden g_m *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
255. improve employee mo___e *n.* the emotional or mental state of a person or group, especially in relation to confidence, enthusiasm, and determination
256. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
257. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
258. a ho_____ss cat *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
259. life exp_____cy *n.* the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something
260. ev_____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
261. wi_____m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
262. bip_____an agreement *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

ANSWERS: 254. gem, 255. morale, 256. improvisation, 257. instinct, 258. homeless, 259. expectancy, 260. evaluate, 261. wisdom, 262. bipartisan

263. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
264. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
265. the di_____ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
266. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
267. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
268. his undying f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
269. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
270. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
271. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

ANSWERS: 263. grasp, 264. institutionalize, 265. disparity, 266. hero, 267. congress, 268. fame, 269. congress, 270. relentless, 271. employee

272. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
273. ev_____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
274. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
275. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
276. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
277. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
278. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully

ANSWERS: 272. folk, 273. evaluate, 274. statistics, 275. voter, 276. classic, 277. define, 278. accomplish

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
2. The _____ value of Pi is approximately 3.14.
adj. relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
3. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
4. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
5. The state _____ visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.
n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
6. There is a significant _____ in pay between men and women in the company.
n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
7. His political views are rooted in neo-_____.
n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

ANSWERS: 1. graduate, 2. numerical, 3. statistics, 4. republican, 5. governor, 6. disparity, 7. liberalism

8. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
- v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
9. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.
- adj.* not established for commercial profit
10. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.
- adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
11. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
12. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
13. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
14. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
- n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
15. The child was drawn to the _____ of the colorful toy display in the store.
- n.* the force that causes attraction or repulsion between magnetic substances; a charismatic or attractive quality that attracts people or causes them to be drawn to someone or something

ANSWERS: 8. elected, 9. nonprofit, 10. vibrant, 11. ultimate, 12. novel, 13. basis, 14. aspiration, 15. magnetism

16. You can live very _____ in Southeast Asia.

adv. in a stingy or inexpensive manner

17. The celebrity _____ the new product on social media.

v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something

18. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

19. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

20. The _____ president is seeking re-election for another term in office.

n. a person who currently holds a particular position or job, especially in politics or public office; a duty or obligation that is required as part of a particular role or job

21. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

22. The surgeon removed the healthy _____ from the donor.

n. either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine

23. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 16. cheaply, 17. endorsed, 18. opposition, 19. instinct, 20. incumbent, 21. hometown, 22. kidney, 23. policy

24. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
25. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
26. The proposed policy has been met with _____ reactions from the public.
adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
27. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
28. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
29. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
30. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
31. The team's _____ improved after winning the championship.
n. the emotional or mental state of a person or group, especially in relation to confidence, enthusiasm, and determination
32. She is very _____ in her thoughts.
adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

ANSWERS: 24. voter, 25. define, 26. divisive, 27. Congress, 28. improvisation, 29. replace, 30. progression, 31. morale, 32. conventional

33. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.
- n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
34. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
- n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
35. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
36. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
- v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
37. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
- n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
38. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
- n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
39. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.
- v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

ANSWERS: 33. union, 34. hero, 35. riots, 36. accomplish, 37. wisdom, 38. capita, 39. implement

40. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

41. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

42. Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving _____ situations within a community.

adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

43. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

44. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

45. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

46. Good _____ is better than a good face.

n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

47. From a marketing _____ this product may need to be more effective.

n. a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter

ANSWERS: 40. opportune, 41. deployed, 42. problematic, 43. movement, 44. Democracy, 45. innovate, 46. fame, 47. standpoint,

48. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
49. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
- n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
50. This shirt will _____ in the wash.
- v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
51. The detective was called to investigate a _____ in the city.
- n.* the act or instance of killing another person; murder, manslaughter, or other unlawful violent killings
52. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
- n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
53. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.
- v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
54. The legislation was passed with _____ support from both parties.
- adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
55. Mozart was a musical _____.
- n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

ANSWERS: 48. labor, 49. troop, 50. shrink, 51. homicide, 52. refugees, 53. grasp, 54. bipartisan, 55. genius

56. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
57. The organization held _____ consultations to gather input on the project.
- n.* a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business
58. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
59. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
- v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
60. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
- n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
61. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
62. The politician received the _____ of several major newspapers.
- n.* an official statement of approval or support for a person, policy, product, or service; a signature or stamp on a legal document
63. 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

ANSWERS: 56. employee, 57. stakeholder, 58. frame, 59. evaluate, 60. council, 61. government, 62. endorsement, 63. decide

64. He became _____ after losing his job.

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

65. Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional _____ of a doctor.

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

66. His father cannot afford his _____.

n. the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services

67. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

68. He was attempting to confuse his _____.

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

69. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

70. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

71. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 64. homeless, 65. ethos, 66. tuition, 67. publicly, 68. opponent, 69. creative, 70. contrast, 71. sect

72. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.
v. to give or show particular importance to something
73. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
74. There is a high _____ for the new product to exceed sales targets.
n. the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something
75. The kids were excited to go to the _____ and see the clowns and animals perform.
n. a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
76. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
77. The cook _____ the leftover oxtail to make soup.
v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
78. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.
adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
79. The real estate agent showed me a _____ apartment perfect for my needs.
adj. not occupied or in use; empty; showing no indication of thought or life, lacking expression or animation

ANSWERS: 72. emphasize, 73. innovation, 74. expectancy, 75. circus, 76. strategy, 77. utilized, 78. dynamic, 79. vacant

80. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
81. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.
adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
82. 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.)
83. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
84. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
85. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.
adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
86. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
adj. having good luck or lucky
87. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.
adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

ANSWERS: 80. religion, 81. relentless, 82. institutionalize, 83. trump, 84. folk, 85. awful, 86. fortunate, 87. regardless

88. The company hired a PR firm to _____ its new product.
- v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
89. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.
- adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
90. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.
- n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
91. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
- v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
92. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.
- v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
93. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
94. The neighborhood is _____ made up of young families with children.
- adv.* mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group
95. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 88. publicize, 89. native, 90. county's, 91. crack, 92. allocated, 93. identify, 94. predominantly, 95. philosophy

96. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
97. The coach's _____ helped the team win the championship.
- n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
98. He is _____ in his thoughts.
- adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
99. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
100. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
- adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
101. Which _____ of the company do you work in?
- n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
102. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
103. The incumbent _____ announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.
- n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government

ANSWERS: 96. tradition, 97. playbook, 98. liberal, 99. violent, 100. classic, 101. division, 102. quarter, 103. mayor

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

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

105. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

106. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

107. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

108. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

109. The country _____ the war heroes on Memorial Day.

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

110. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

111. The farmer used a _____ to store feed for the animals.

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

ANSWERS: 104. unfortunately, 105. principle, 106. dawn, 107. vision, 108. president, 109. commemorated, 110. politician, 111. silo

112. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

113. The politician met with his _____ to hear their concerns and ideas.

- n.* a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product

114. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

115. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

116. The enga_____ ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.

- n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

117. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

- adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

118. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

- v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

119. I'm a big ___ of French food.

- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

ANSWERS: 112. recognize, 113. constituency, 114. stick, 115. obvious, 116. gement, 117. negative, 118. demonstrate, 119. fan

120. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

121. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

122. I am going to trim this _____ off.

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

123. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

124. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

125. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

126. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

127. The book's _____ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

ANSWERS: 120. disagree, 121. engine, 122. bush, 123. achieve, 124. protest, 125. Communal, 126. broad, 127. premise

128. She was hired as a product _____ to advertise the company's products.
n. a person or organization that helps to promote or publicize something, such as an event, product, or idea
129. The ancient fortification served as a _____ of defense against invaders for centuries.
n. a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
130. The _____ team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.
n. a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
131. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.
adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
132. He _____ his inheritance on frivolous purchases.
v. to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
133. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
134. The castle was _____ several years later.
v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

ANSWERS: 128. promoter, 129. bastion, 130. underdog, 131. transparent, 132. squandered, 133. responsible, 134. abandoned

135. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
- n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
136. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.
- adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
137. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
- n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
138. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
139. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 135. philanthropy, 136. dumb, 137. sacrifice, 138. eventually, 139. spirit