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Session 1: Word List

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

culmination

n. the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time

synonym : climax, completion, ending

(1) the **culmination** of her ambition, (2) **culmination** altitude

Their achievements stand as a **culmination** of centuries of development.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

asteroid

n. a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

synonym: minor planet, planetoid, rocky planetesimal

(1) **asteroid** mining, (2) **asteroid** explorer

Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the **asteroid** belt to understand the early solar system better.

predate

v. to have existed or happened earlier than something

synonym: foredate, antedate, precede

(1) **predate** A.D. 200., (2) **predate** the modern age

The idea of virtual worlds **predates** computers.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym: hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

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.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

extinction

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

synonym : disappearance, eradication, annihilation

(1) **extinction** prevention, (2) brink of **extinction**

The **extinction** of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

paleontology

n. the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth

synonym : fossilology, prehistoric biology

(1) vertebrate **paleontology**, (2) **paleontology** museum

My interest in **paleontology** research began when I visited a natural history museum and saw a display of fossils from the Jurassic period.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym : relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

multitude

n. a large number of things or people

synonym : mass, assembly, hive

(1) great **multitude**, (2) from a **multitude** of sources

This company is faced with a **multitude** of problems.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

trawl

v. to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information

synonym : fish, dredge, drag

(1) **trawl** the Internet for free music, (2) **trawl** for fish

The fisherman used a net to **trawl** the bottom of the river for

his catch.

database

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

synonym: developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

coordinate

v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

synonym: organize, harmonize, ordinate

(1) **coordinate** a special project, (2) a **coordinate** clause

We want to **coordinate** a schedule for the investigation.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per

minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

pathway

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

synonym : route, footpath, trail

(1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling

pathways

When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym : direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

pivotal

adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

synonym : crucial, essential, important

(1) **pivotal** moment, (2) **pivotal** role

The CEO's decision was **pivotal** in the success of the company's expansion plans.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym : reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

armored

adj. protected by armor or reinforced with metal plates or other heavy materials

synonym : fortified, protected, shielded

(1) **armored** vehicle, (2) **armored** suit

The **armored** tank could withstand the enemy's attacks without any damage.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

razor

n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair

synonym : blade, shaver, cutter

(1) **razor** blade, (2) an electric **razor**

He shaved with a **razor** to get a close shave.

jaw

n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

synonym : mouth, (verb) chitchat

(1) snatch victory from the **jaws** of defeat, (2) **jaw** muscle

He dropped his **jaw** at the unexpected sight.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

fin *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer
(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane
The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

scuttle *v.* to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side
synonym: scamper, scurry, flee
(1) **scuttle** out of a room, (2) **scuttle** the treaty
The mice **scuttled** across the kitchen floor in search of food.

ray *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
synonym: beam, light, glimmer
(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**
Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

salmon *n.* a type of fish that is commonly found in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans
synonym: fish, trout, salmonid
(1) **salmon** fishery, (2) **salmon** migration
Grilled **salmon** is a popular dish at summer barbecues.

cower *v.* to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally
synonym: crouch, tremble, cringe
(1) **cower** in fear, (2) **cower** under pressure
The actress **cowered** in humiliation as the audience booed her performance.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

shark

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

synonym: swindler, con artist, crook

(1) a man-eating **shark**, (2) card **shark**

He borrowed money from a loan **shark**.

offshore

adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land

synonym: seaward, alongshore

(1) an **offshore** oil field, (2) an **offshore** fund

The company undertakes **offshore** development for software companies in many countries.

tetrapod

n. a vertebrate animal with four feet or leg-like appendages, especially a member of the group that includes amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals; a specific type of coastal defense structure which has large, four-legged concrete or rock structures commonly used in coastal engineering to protect shorelines from erosion and the impact of waves

synonym: quadruped, four-legged animal, amphibian

(1) amphibious **tetrapod**, (2) aquatic **tetrapod**

Dinosaurs were ancient **tetrapods** that ruled the Earth millions of years ago.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the

job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

plain

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

synonym : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

interval

n. a period between two events or times; a short break or pause

synonym : break, gap, intermission

(1) after an **interval** of pause, (2) at regular **intervals**

For the analysis **interval**, the system remains at a standstill state.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

sweep

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

synonym : clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance
The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

mighty

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

synonym: potent, powerful, robust

(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow

Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark land.

meek

adj. showing humility, gentleness, or submissiveness; lacking in assertiveness or aggressiveness; often used about someone who is excessively passive or deferential

synonym: humble, modest, mild

(1) **meek** personality, (2) **meek** acceptance

The **meek** employee was often overlooked for promotions despite his hard work.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

survivor

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

synonym: subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

greatly

adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

synonym: enormously, broadly, grandly

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

They **greatly** admired our actions.

outnumber

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

synonym: surpass, exceed

(1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males

The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

feeder

n. an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process

synonym: supply, provider, dispenser

(1) **feeder** fish, (2) **feeder** artery

Many different types of birds visited the bird **feeder**.

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym: sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

freshwater

adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

(1) **freshwater** area, (2) **freshwater** aquatic bird

This microbe is a parasite of **freshwater** fish.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

mere

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

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

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

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

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

overlord

n. a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past

synonym : master, tyrant, autocrat

(1) evil **overlord**, (2) colonial **overlord**

In the feudal system, the **overlord** owned most of the wealth.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

globe

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

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

feast

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
synonym : banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym : endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

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.

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.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue
Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

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.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym : duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

synonym : multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in many countries worldwide.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

victory

n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

synonym: win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor
Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

lab *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

compile *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.

synonym: assemble, collect, gather

(1) **compile** a biography, (2) **compile** the data

We are attempting to **compile** a list of qualified candidates for the position.

survival *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

aftermath *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event

synonym: consequence, backwash, result

(1) financial **aftermath**, (2) the **aftermath** of a crisis

The **aftermath** of the hurricane left the city in shambles.

survive *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

recover *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
synonym:

come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

versatile

adj. able to do many things in different fields; having many talents

synonym: adaptable, protean, universal

(1) provide a **versatile** solution, (2) a **versatile** writer

He's a **versatile** actor who has acted in various parts.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. aquatic te____od
n. a vertebrate animal with four feet or leg-like appendages, especially a member of the group that includes amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals; a specific type of coastal defense structure which has large, four-legged concrete or rock structures commonly used in coastal engineering to protect shorelines from erosion and the impact of waves
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n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
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adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
4. gr____y support that player
adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
5. in____t estate
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
6. at inc____le speed
adj. unbelievable; enormous
7. employee da____se
n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
8. de____te the economy
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
9. fe____r fish
n. an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process

ANSWERS: 1. tetrapod, 2. filter, 3. largely, 4. greatly, 5. inherit, 6. incredible, 7. database, 8. devastate, 9. feeder

10. ca____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
11. sw__p up dead leaves *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
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20. a ve____le writer *adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents

ANSWERS: 10. capture, 11. sweep, 12. asteroid, 13. chain, 14. victory, 15. emerge, 16. predator, 17. emerge, 18. cower, 19. database, 20. versatile

21. ma___e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
22. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
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24. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
25. variety of ma___e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
26. a man-eating sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
27. burning of fo___l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
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31. snatch victory from the j_ws of defeat *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

ANSWERS: 21. marine, 22. ugly, 23. mighty, 24. mathematics, 25. marine, 26. shark, 27. fossil, 28. cower, 29. recover, 30. culmination, 31. jaw

32. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
33. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
34. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
35. de___t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
36. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
37. sa___n fishery *n.* a type of fish that is commonly found in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans
38. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
39. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
40. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
41. m__k acceptance *adj.* showing humility, gentleness, or submissiveness; lacking in assertiveness or aggressiveness; often used about someone who is excessively passive or deferential
42. card sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

ANSWERS: 32. ecosystem, 33. decline, 34. weird, 35. defeat, 36. lab, 37. salmon, 38. weird, 39. trend, 40. globe, 41. meek, 42. shark

43. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
44. la____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
45. delta pl__n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
46. there is no other alt____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
47. pi____l moment *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
48. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
49. ar____d vehicle *adj.* protected by armor or reinforced with metal plates or other heavy materials
50. re____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
51. in____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
52. hulking di____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
53. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 43. mass, 44. largely, 45. plain, 46. alternative, 47. pivotal, 48. mere, 49. armored, 50. recover, 51. inherit, 52. dinosaur, 53. struggle

54. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
55. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
56. ovarian cancer su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
57. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
58. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
59. pa_____y to understanding *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
60. great mu_____de *n.* a large number of things or people
61. fre_____er aquatic bird *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
62. sta_____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
63. effect of cosmic r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
64. pr_____e the modern age *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
65. ext_____on prevention *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

ANSWERS: 54. investigate, 55. mathematics, 56. survivor, 57. incredible, 58. rev, 59. pathway, 60. multitude, 61. freshwater, 62. starvation, 63. ray, 64. predate, 65. extinction

66. 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
67. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
68. tr__l for fish *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
69. the af_____th of a crisis *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
70. at regular in_____als *n.* a period between two events or times; a short break or pause
71. pro_____te cells *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
72. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
73. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
74. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 66. stick, 67. alternative, 68. trawl, 69. aftermath, 70. interval, 71. proliferate, 72. innovate, 73. suffer, 74. mass

75. evil ov____rd *n.* a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past
76. opaque to X-r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
77. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
78. financial af____th *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
79. fire st__k *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
80. re____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
81. ecology and evo____ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
82. pe____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
83. su____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 75. overlord, 76. ray, 77. chain, 78. aftermath, 79. stick, 80. reproduce, 81. evolutionary, 82. persist, 83. survival

84. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
85. colonial ov____rd *n.* a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past
86. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
87. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
88. brink of ext_____on *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
89. sw__p a room with a glance *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
90. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
91. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
92. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
93. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
94. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 84. fin, 85. overlord, 86. opposition, 87. ugly, 88. extinction, 89. sweep, 90. predator, 91. dominate, 92. suffer, 93. struggle, 94. invest

95. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
96. ra__r blade *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
97. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
98. pe_____t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
99. an electric ra__r *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
100. j_w muscle *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
101. a nightly fe__t *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
102. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
103. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
104. tr__l the Internet for free music *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information

ANSWERS: 95. opposition, 96. razor, 97. advantage, 98. persist, 99. razor, 100. jaw, 101. feast, 102. trend, 103. globe, 104. trawl

105. as____id mining *n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
106. a ra____m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
107. su____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
108. re____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
109. ov____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
110. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
111. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
112. tr____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
113. re____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
114. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
115. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 105. asteroid, 106. random, 107. survival, 108. replace, 109. overcome, 110. random, 111. sight, 112. transform, 113. replace, 114. rev, 115. flood

116. pl__n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way;
(Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
117. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
118. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
119. ou_____er males *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
120. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
121. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
122. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
123. an of_____re fund *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
124. sc_____e the treaty *v.* to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side
125. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

ANSWERS: 116. plain, 117. survive, 118. dominate, 119. outnumber, 120. transform, 121. combine, 122. lab, 123. offshore, 124. scuttle, 125. mere

126. m__k personality *adj.* showing humility, gentleness, or submissiveness; lacking in assertiveness or aggressiveness; often used about someone who is excessively passive or deferential
127. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
128. sa___n migration *n.* a type of fish that is commonly found in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans
129. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
130. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
131. the evo_____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
132. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
133. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
134. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
135. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 126. meek, 127. ancestor, 128. salmon, 129. investigate, 130. disrupt, 131. evolutionary, 132. ancestor, 133. discovery, 134. sight, 135. flood

136. vi____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
137. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
138. a single su____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
139. re____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
140. a coo____te clause *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
141. the great di____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
142. gr____y affect the situation *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
143. di____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
144. con____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

ANSWERS: 136. victory, 137. relative, 138. survivor, 139. reproduce, 140. coordinate, 141. discovery, 142. greatly, 143. dinosaur, 144. congratulation

145. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
146. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
147. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
148. pr_____e A.D. 200. *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
149. provide a ve_____le solution *adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents
150. a fe__t for the eyes *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
151. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
152. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
153. co_____e the data *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
154. ar_____d suit *adj.* protected by armor or reinforced with metal plates or other heavy materials
155. from a mu_____de of sources *n.* a large number of things or people
156. pi_____l role *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

ANSWERS: 145. devastate, 146. opportune, 147. congratulation, 148. predate, 149. versatile, 150. feast, 151. fin, 152. opportune, 153. compile, 154. armored, 155. multitude, 156. pivotal

157. co_____e a biography *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
158. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
159. an of_____re oil field *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
160. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
161. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
162. cellular signaling pa_____ys *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
163. mi____y works *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
164. sc_____e out of a room *v.* to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side
165. die of sta_____on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
166. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

ANSWERS: 157. compile, 158. decline, 159. offshore, 160. survive, 161. disrupt, 162. pathway, 163. mighty, 164. scuttle, 165. starvation, 166. advantage

167. fe___r artery *n.* an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process
168. pro_____te weeds *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
169. ou_____er our opponents *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
170. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
171. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
172. after an in_____al of pause *n.* a period between two events or times; a short break or pause
173. pal_____ogy museum *n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth
174. fre_____er area *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
175. coo_____te a special project *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
176. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 167. feeder, 168. proliferate, 169. outnumber, 170. invest, 171. capture, 172. interval, 173. paleontology, 174. freshwater, 175. coordinate, 176. overcome

177. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
178. vertebrate pal_____ogy *n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth
179. the cul_____on of her ambition *n.* the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
180. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
181. a fo___l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
182. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
183. amphibious te_____od *n.* a vertebrate animal with four feet or leg-like appendages, especially a member of the group that includes amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals; a specific type of coastal defense structure which has large, four-legged concrete or rock structures commonly used in coastal engineering to protect shorelines from erosion and the impact of waves
184. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
185. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 177. defeat, 178. paleontology, 179. culmination, 180. combine, 181. fossil, 182. innovate, 183. tetrapod, 184. relative, 185. ecosystem

186. clogged fi___r

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

ANSWERS: 186. filter

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This microbe is a parasite of _____ fish.
adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
2. The company undertakes _____ development for software companies in many countries.
adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
3. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
4. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
5. 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
6. He lost the election by _____ votes.
adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
7. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 1. freshwater, 2. offshore, 3. struggle, 4. alternative, 5. stick, 6. mere, 7. ecosystem

8. The drought led to widespread _____ in the region.
n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
9. We are optimistic about our final _____.
n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
10. Their achievements stand as a _____ of centuries of development.
n. the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
11. He dropped his ____ at the unexpected sight.
n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
12. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
13. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
14. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
15. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 8. starvation, 9. victory, 10. culmination, 11. jaw, 12. suffers, 13. filter, 14. predator's, 15. relatives

16. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

17. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

18. The royal _____ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

19. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

20. The CEO's decision was _____ in the success of the company's expansion plans.

adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

21. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

22. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

23. Only the _____ God has the power to brighten this dark land.

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

ANSWERS: 16. inherited, 17. rev, 18. feast, 19. reproduce, 20. pivotal, 21. disrupt, 22. opportune, 23. mighty

24. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
25. Grilled _____ is a popular dish at summer barbecues.
n. a type of fish that is commonly found in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans
26. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
27. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
28. The _____ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.
n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
29. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
30. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
31. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.
adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

ANSWERS: 24. floods, 25. salmon, 26. incredible, 27. sights, 28. extinction, 29. chain, 30. transformed, 31. Evolutionary

32. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
- v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
33. The number of tourists in the city now _____ the locals.
- v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
34. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
- adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
35. They _____ admired our actions.
- adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
36. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
37. Dinosaurs were ancient _____ that ruled the Earth millions of years ago.
- n.* a vertebrate animal with four feet or leg-like appendages, especially a member of the group that includes amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals; a specific type of coastal defense structure which has large, four-legged concrete or rock structures commonly used in coastal engineering to protect shorelines from erosion and the impact of waves
38. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
- n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
39. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 32. declines, 33. outnumber, 34. ugly, 35. greatly, 36. fins, 37. tetrapods, 38. congratulations, 39. opposition

40. This company is faced with a _____ of problems.

n. a large number of things or people

41. Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the _____ belt to understand the early solar system better.

n. a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

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

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

43. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

44. The mice _____ across the kitchen floor in search of food.

v. to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side

45. When the first molecule in the _____ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

46. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

47. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 40. multitude, 41. asteroid, 42. globe, 43. weird, 44. scuttled, 45. pathway, 46. plain, 47. mass

48. Gamma _____ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.
n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
49. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
50. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
51. The oil price continued their downward _____.
n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing
52. My interest in _____ research began when I visited a natural history museum and saw a display of fossils from the Jurassic period.
n. the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth
53. The idea of virtual worlds _____ computers.
v. to have existed or happened earlier than something
54. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
55. In the feudal system, the _____ owned most of the wealth.
n. a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past
56. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 48. rays, 49. lab, 50. ancestor, 51. trend, 52. paleontology, 53. predates, 54. defeat, 55. overlord, 56. capture

57. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

v. to take the place of something

58. He borrowed money from a loan _____.

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

59. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

60. We want to _____ a schedule for the investigation.

v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

61. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

62. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

63. He shaved with a _____ to get a close shave.

n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair

64. The _____ tank could withstand the enemy's attacks without any damage.

adj. protected by armor or reinforced with metal plates or other heavy materials

ANSWERS: 57. replace, 58. shark, 59. overcome, 60. coordinate, 61. investigated, 62. fossil, 63. razor, 64. armored

65. He's a _____ actor who has acted in various parts.

adj. able to do many things in different fields; having many talents

66. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

67. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

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

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

69. The actress _____ in humiliation as the audience booed her performance.

v. to crouch or curl up in fear or apprehension; to shrink or recoil from something threatening, usually physically or mentally

70. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

71. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

72. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

ANSWERS: 65. versatile, 66. random, 67. invest, 68. innovate, 69. cowered, 70. dominates, 71. emerged, 72. recovering

73. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
- n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
74. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
75. The number of COVID cases continued to _____ in many countries worldwide.
- v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
76. Each country's officials can access the central _____.
- n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
77. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
78. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
79. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.
- n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
80. The fisherman used a net to _____ the bottom of the river for his catch.
- v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information

ANSWERS: 73. dinosaur, 74. discovery, 75. proliferate, 76. database, 77. mathematics, 78. survive, 79. survivor, 80. trawl

81. For the analysis _____ the system remains at a standstill state.
n. a period between two events or times; a short break or pause
82. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
83. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
84. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.
v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
85. The ____ employee was often overlooked for promotions despite his hard work.
adj. showing humility, gentleness, or submissiveness; lacking in assertiveness or aggressiveness; often used about someone who is excessively passive or deferential
86. Many different types of birds visited the bird _____.
n. an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process
87. The _____ of the hurricane left the city in shambles.
n. the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
88. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 81. interval, 82. devastate, 83. combine, 84. persist, 85. meek, 86. feeder, 87. aftermath, 88. survival

89. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.

- v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

90. We are attempting to _____ a list of qualified candidates for the position.

- v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.

91. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

- adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree

92. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

93. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.

- adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

ANSWERS: 89. sweep, 90. compile, 91. largely, 92. advantages, 93. marine