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Session 1: Word List

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
synonym : amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

saltiness

n. the quality or state of being salty

(1) the taste of **saltiness**, (2) enhance the **saltiness**

She tasted the dish and detected a slight **saltiness**.

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym : radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

atrocious

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

sociopath

n. a person who exhibits a disregard for other people's rights, feelings, and safety; someone who lacks empathy or the ability to understand and share the feelings of others; sometimes used interchangeably with the term "psychopath"

synonym: psychopath, antisocial

(1) psychopathic **sociopath**, (2) narcissistic **sociopath**

The psychiatrist recognized signs of **sociopathy** in his patient's behavior.

upbringing

n. the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

synonym: childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**

His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

socioeconomic

adj. relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

synonym: social, economic, financial

(1) **socioeconomic** status, (2) **socioeconomic** issues

The **socioeconomic** conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.

radicalization

n. the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior

synonym: extremism, fanaticism, militancy

(1) religious **radicalization**, (2) **radicalization** of society

There was concern about the **radicalization** of some young people, as they were attracted to extremist ideologies.

categorize

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

synonym: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

Nazi

n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

synonym: fascist, authoritarian, dictator

(1) **Nazi** regime, (2) neo- **Nazi** movement

The **Nazi** party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.

alienation

n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

synonym: estrangement, separation, detachment

(1) human **alienation**, (2) international **alienation**

His feelings of **alienation** from society led to depression.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the

same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

brotherhood

n. a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

synonym: fraternity, camaraderie, companionship

(1) spirit of **brotherhood**, (2) **brotherhood** among coworkers

The **brotherhood** between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.

sisterhood

n. a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women

synonym: sisterliness, sisterly relationship, sorority

(1) **sisterhood** bond, (2) **sisterhood** solidarity

Playing on the same sports team has created a **sisterhood** between the athletes.

utopian

adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

synonym: idealistic, perfectionistic, unrealistic

(1) **utopian** society, (2) **utopian** goal

He had a **utopian** vision of a world without war.

nuptials

n. a formal or ceremonial event associated with marriage; the act or process of getting married; the state of being married

synonym: wedding, ceremony, matrimony

(1) royal **nuptials**, (2) outdoor **nuptials**

The couple celebrated their **nuptials** with an extravagant wedding ceremony.

confuse

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

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

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

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion
The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

behead

v. to cut off the head of a person or animal

synonym : decapitate, execute, chop off

(1) **behead** a prisoner, (2) **behead** several hostages

The king ordered the executioner to **behead** the traitor.

radicalize

v. to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices

synonym : transform, alter

(1) **radicalize** religious groups, (2) **radicalize** ideology

The extremist group aims to **radicalize** young people through its propaganda.

jihad

n. a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

synonym : struggle, holy war, crusade

(1) **jihad** of knowledge, (2) nonviolent **jihad**

Many scholars argue that the true meaning of **jihad** is to

strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

cloak

n. a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

synonym : cape, mantle, shroud

(1) **cloak** room, (2) hooded **cloak**

The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his **cloak** over himself.

censor

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

synonym : suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **censor** a book, (2) **censor** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **censor** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

arrogance

n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance

synonym : hubris, haughtiness, conceit

(1) brazen **arrogance**, (2) **arrogance** of power

He acted with **arrogance** and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

disseminate

v. to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

synonym : spread, circulate, propagate

(1) **disseminate** propaganda, (2) **disseminate** knowledge

It is important to **disseminate** accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

banal

adj. lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar

synonym : trite, mundane, dull

(1) **banal** conversation, (2) **banal** plot

The restaurant's menu had a **banal** selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.

encrypt

v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

synonym : encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

gloom

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

synonym : darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

extremism

n. the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable

synonym : fanaticism, radicalism, zealotry

(1) violent **extremism**, (2) political **extremism**

The rise of far-right **extremism** has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

swastika

n. an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II

synonym: hakenkreuz, fylfot, gammadion

(1) **swastika** symbol, (2) **swastika** tattoo

The use of the **swastika** sign during World War II has forever tarnished its once-positive connotations in many cultures.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

techie

n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

synonym: geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

- app**
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
- synonym* : application, software
- (1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**
- The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.
- satirical**
- adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm
- synonym* : mocking, ironic, sarcastic
- (1) **satirical** article, (2) **satirical** humor
- The **satirical** cartoon poked fun at the politicians in a clever way.
- fascist**
- adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
- synonym* : authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian
- (1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies
- The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.
- inbox**
- n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
- (1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder
- After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.
- alarming**
- adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
- synonym* : forbidding, concerning, disturbing
- (1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics
- The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. traditional me_____al
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
2. commit at_____ty
n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
3. aspiring te_____es
n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
4. enhance the sa_____ss
n. the quality or state of being salty
5. prophet of d__m
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
6. ut_____n goal
adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
7. N__i regime
n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
8. sw_____ka symbol
n. an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II

ANSWERS: 1. medicinal, 2. atrocity, 3. techie, 4. saltiness, 5. doom, 6. utopian, 7. Nazi, 8. swastika

9. rad_____ze religious groups *v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices
10. narcissistic so_____th *n.* a person who exhibits a disregard for other people's rights, feelings, and safety; someone who lacks empathy or the ability to understand and share the feelings of others; sometimes used interchangeably with the term "psychopath"
11. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
12. en_____t message *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
13. al_____ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
14. as_____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
15. royal nu_____ls *n.* a formal or ceremonial event associated with marriage; the act or process of getting married; the state of being married
16. fa_____t propaganda *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

ANSWERS: 9. radicalize, 10. sociopath, 11. resilient, 12. encrypt, 13. alarming, 14. astound, 15. nuptials, 16. fascist

17. ba__l conversation *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
18. nu____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
19. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
20. ce____r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
21. as____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
22. be____d several hostages *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
23. psychopathic so____th *n.* a person who exhibits a disregard for other people's rights, feelings, and safety; someone who lacks empathy or the ability to understand and share the feelings of others; sometimes used interchangeably with the term "psychopath"
24. sis____od bond *n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women
25. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 17. banal, 18. nuanced, 19. tweet, 20. censor, 21. astound, 22. behead, 23. sociopath, 24. sisterhood, 25. tweet

26. neo-N__i movement *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
27. ex_____st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
28. rad_____ion of society *n.* the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior
29. dis_____te knowledge *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
30. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
31. dis_____te propaganda *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
32. cold-blooded at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
33. hooded cl__k *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

ANSWERS: 26. Nazi, 27. extremist, 28. radicalization, 29. disseminate, 30. empower, 31. disseminate, 32. atrocity, 33. cloak

34. soc_____mic issues *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
35. cat_____ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
36. ut_____n society *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
37. cat_____ze the image *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
38. al_____ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
39. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
40. family upb_____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
41. be____d a prisoner *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
42. ba__l plot *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
43. sa_____al humor *adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm

ANSWERS: 34. socioeconomic, 35. categorize, 36. utopian, 37. categorize, 38. alarming, 39. confuse, 40. upbringing, 41. behead, 42. banal, 43. satirical

44. the taste of sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
45. bro_____od among coworkers *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
46. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
47. sis_____od solidarity *n.* a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women
48. outdoor nu_____ls *n.* a formal or ceremonial event associated with marriage; the act or process of getting married; the state of being married
49. Je____h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
50. gl__m-filled room *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
51. violent ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
52. sw_____ka tattoo *n.* an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II

ANSWERS: 44. saltiness, 45. brotherhood, 46. mobilize, 47. sisterhood, 48. nuptials, 49. Jewish, 50. gloom, 51. extremism, 52. swastika

53. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
54. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
55. brazen ar_____ce *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
56. in__x full of emails *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
57. nonviolent ji__d *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
58. ar_____ce of power *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
59. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
60. sa_____al article *adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm
61. political ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
62. human ali_____on *n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

ANSWERS: 53. storytelling, 54. medicinal, 55. arrogance, 56. inbox, 57. jihad, 58. arrogance, 59. Jewish, 60. satirical, 61. extremism, 62. alienation

63. spirit of bro_____od *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
64. Catholic upb_____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
65. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
66. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
67. religious rad_____ion *n.* the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior
68. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
69. radical ex_____st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
70. cl__k room *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
71. the common but nu_____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

ANSWERS: 63. brotherhood, 64. upbringing, 65. app, 66. mobilize, 67. radicalization, 68. confuse, 69. extremist, 70. cloak, 71. nuanced

72. em_____r the secretary to do the same
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
73. rad_____ze ideology
v. to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices
74. international ali_____on
n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
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n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
76. en_____t data
v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
77. a hard and re_____nt steel
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78. fa_____t policies
adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
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n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

ANSWERS: 72. empower, 73. radicalize, 74. alienation, 75. techie, 76. encrypt, 77. resilient, 78. fascist, 79. inbox

80. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
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84. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
85. a sense of gl__m *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
86. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 80. app, 81. jihad, 82. socioeconomic, 83. censor, 84. doom, 85. gloom, 86. storytelling

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many scholars argue that the true meaning of _____ is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.
 - n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

2. The biologist _____ the viruses into four groups.
 - v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

3. The restaurant's menu had a _____ selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.
 - adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar

4. The couple celebrated their _____ with an extravagant wedding ceremony.
 - n.* a formal or ceremonial event associated with marriage; the act or process of getting married; the state of being married

5. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses _____ their files.
 - v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

6. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.
 - n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

7. The _____ cartoon poked fun at the politicians in a clever way.
 - adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm

ANSWERS: 1. jihad, 2. categorized, 3. banal, 4. nuptials, 5. encrypt, 6. atrocity, 7. satirical

8. The _____ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.
- n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
9. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
10. She tasted the dish and detected a slight _____.
- n.* the quality or state of being salty
11. His strict _____ instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.
- n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
12. He had a _____ vision of a world without war.
- adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
13. The king ordered the executioner to _____ the traitor.
- v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
14. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
15. The military _____ troops to the border.
- v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. gloom, 9. tweet, 10. saltiness, 11. upbringing, 12. utopian, 13. behead, 14. empowered, 15. mobilized

16. He acted with _____ and was not well-liked by his colleagues.
n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance
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v. to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
18. The extremist group aims to _____ young people through its propaganda.
v. to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices
19. Playing on the same sports team has created a _____ between the athletes.
n. a close association of women based on shared interests or goals; the sense of solidarity and loyalty that exists among women
20. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
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adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
22. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
23. The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his _____ over himself.
n. a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

ANSWERS: 16. arrogance, 17. disseminate, 18. radicalize, 19. sisterhood, 20. Jewish, 21. medicinal, 22. confused, 23. cloak

24. The _____ between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.
- n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
25. The use of the _____ sign during World War II has forever tarnished its once-positive connotations in many cultures.
- n.* an ancient symbol consisting of a cross with arms bent at right angles, often used by cultures around the world as a symbol of good fortune or well-being, but more recently and unfortunately, associated with the Nazi party and its atrocities during World War II
26. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
27. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
28. The _____ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.
- n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
29. After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your _____.
- n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
30. The _____ party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.
- n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

ANSWERS: 24. brotherhood, 25. swastika, 26. doom, 27. storytelling, 28. extremist, 29. inbox, 30. Nazi

31. Our company hired a _____ consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.
- n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
32. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
33. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
34. The _____ conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.
- adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
35. The regime was accused of being _____ for their oppressive tactics.
- adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
36. The rise of far-right _____ has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.
- n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
37. The final result was nothing short of _____.
- v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

ANSWERS: 31. techie, 32. app's, 33. resilient, 34. socioeconomic, 35. fascist, 36. extremism, 37. astounding

38. His feelings of _____ from society led to depression.
- n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
39. The psychiatrist recognized signs of _____ in his patient's behavior.
- n.* a person who exhibits a disregard for other people's rights, feelings, and safety; someone who lacks empathy or the ability to understand and share the feelings of others; sometimes used interchangeably with the term "psychopath"
40. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
- adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
41. The newspaper editor decided to _____ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.
- n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
42. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite _____.
- adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
43. There was concern about the _____ of some young people, as they were attracted to extremist ideologies.
- n.* the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior

ANSWERS: 38. alienation, 39. sociopathy, 40. nuanced, 41. censor, 42. alarming, 43. radicalization