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Session 1: Word List

participate

v. to take part in something
synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

ideology

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

synonym: credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym : socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

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**.

enroll

v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

synonym : register, enlist, join

(1) **enroll** at a college, (2) **enroll** in a school

I need to **enroll** in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

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**.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

bow

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

synonym : bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

arrow

n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

synonym : shaft, dart, projectile

(1) **arrow** pointing, (2) **arrow** diagram

The archer aimed his **arrow** carefully at the target.

alcohol

n. a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.

synonym : booze, liquor, ethanol

(1) stop drinking **alcohol**, (2) diluted **alcohol**

There is a clear association between **alcohol** consumption

and cognitive decline.

mainstream

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

synonym: prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs
His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

politician

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

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym: settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

discourse

n. any form of communication in speech or writing
synonym: discussion, dialogue, communication

(1) hold **discourse** with him, (2) a **discourse** about art
Sweet **discourse** makes short days and nights.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym: present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

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.

movement

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

synonym: motion, progression, action

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

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

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

atrocities

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

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

The **atrocities** 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.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
synonym : calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education
synonym : knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

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.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

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.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
synonym : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking
Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

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.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym : aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

nationality

n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country

synonym : ethnicity, race, citizenship

(1) acquisition of **nationality**, (2) **nationality** certificate

Dual **nationality** is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.

ethnicity

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

synonym : race, culture, heritage

(1) with respect to **ethnicity**, (2) based on their **ethnicity**
The company has a diverse workforce representing different **ethnicity** and backgrounds.

religion

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

synonym: faith, creed, belief

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

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

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.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

divine

adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred

synonym: godly, holy, sacred

(1) **divine** intervention, (2) **divine** grace

The view from the mountaintop was truly **divine**.

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.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

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.

sunset

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

synonym: evening, sundown, dusk

(1) **sunset** this function, (2) spectacular **sunset** views

He is in the **sunset** of his life.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

hero

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

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

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

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

propaganda

n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

synonym: disinformation, misinformation, publicity

(1) **propaganda** campaign, (2) self-serving **propaganda**
The government used **propaganda** pictures to spread its message of national unity.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

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.

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

synonym: streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process

Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

tactics

n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

synonym: strategy, maneuvers, plan

(1) blitz **tactics**, (2) political **tactics**

The marketing team developed new **tactics** to boost sales.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

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.

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym : by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide

He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

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.

catalyst

n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

synonym : accelerator, stimulant, motivation

(1) a **catalyst** in the process of hydrolysis, (2) **catalyst** for reform

The global financial crisis acted as a **catalyst** to unite the country.

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.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym : impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

theft

n. the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing

synonym : stealing, heist, robbery

(1) victim of identity **theft**, (2) **theft** of designs

Poverty is not a reproach; however, **theft** is.

government

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

synonym : administration, regime, state

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

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

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.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

cat-and-mouse

adj. referring to a situation or activity involving a tricky and elusive pursuit or strategy, where one party is constantly trying to outsmart or evade the other

synonym : evasive, elusive

(1) **cat-and-mouse** game, (2) tense **cat-and-mouse**

The **cat-and-mouse** chase between the detective and the criminal kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

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.

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**.

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.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

synonym: raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym: banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

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.

censorship

n. the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
synonym : restriction, suppression

(1) clear **censorship** by the Education Ministry, (2) form of **censorship**

Newspapers were subjected to **censorship** a few days later.

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.

broad

adj. very wide; general
synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

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

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

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
synonym : creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord
The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
synonym : cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

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.

innovation

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

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

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

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.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

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.

symptom

n. any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

synonym: sign, manifestation, syndrome

(1) **symptoms** of low testosterone, (2) neurotic **symptoms**

The patient displays a **symptom** of a side effect.

exposure

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

synonym: vulnerability, disclosure, uncovering

(1) a southern **exposure**, (2) the **exposure** of a fraud

The long **exposure** to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

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.

tattoo

n. a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design

synonym : emblem, symbol

(1) a **tattoo** artist, (2) a person who has a **tattoo**

Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital **tattoo** for life.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym : ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym : conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym : instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

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.

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.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

regret

v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

synonym: apologize, deplore, lament

(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless

I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym: plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

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.

creative

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

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

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.

specify

v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly

synonym: establish, pinpoint, identify

(1) **specify** a cause, (2) **specify** an option

You can **specify** the font color by clicking the Color tab.

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

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.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym : especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

downstream

adv. in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current

synonym : lower, below, later

(1) go **downstream** in a boat, (2) **downstream** processing
The boat drifted **downstream** and was carried away by the current.

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym : aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

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.

messenger

n. someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document

synonym : courier, transmitter, envoy

(1) **messenger** app, (2) a secret **messenger**

An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called **messenger** RNA.

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**.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

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**.

sustained

adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

synonym : prolonged, extended, continual

(1) **sustained** economic growth, (2) **sustained** release medication

The company experienced **sustained** growth over the past decade.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym : betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym : doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym : division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym : healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

graphic

adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

synonym : illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym : versifier, rhymers, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ar__w pointing *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
2. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
3. 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
4. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
5. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
6. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
7. it is un_____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
8. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

ANSWERS: 1. arrow, 2. innovation, 3. encrypt, 4. naturally, 5. hero, 6. resilient, 7. unlikely, 8. bond

9. 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
10. ut_____n society *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
11. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
12. tense cat_____use *adj.* referring to a situation or activity involving a tricky and elusive pursuit or strategy, where one party is constantly trying to outsmart or evade the other
13. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
14. 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
15. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
16. su_____ed release medication *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
17. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 9. extremist, 10. utopian, 11. specific, 12. cat-and-mouse, 13. movement, 14. gloom, 15. Jewish, 16. sustained, 17. amazing

18. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
19. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
20. with respect to et____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
21. 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
22. private se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
23. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
24. he____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
25. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
26. in____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
27. political id____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

ANSWERS: 18. doom, 19. shock, 20. ethnicity, 21. fascist, 22. sector, 23. government, 24. headline, 25. broad, 26. inclusive, 27. ideology

28. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
29. a secret me_____er *n.* someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document
30. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
31. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
32. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
33. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
34. b_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
35. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
36. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 28. medicinal, 29. messenger, 30. threat, 31. strategy, 32. doubt, 33. trend, 34. bow, 35. evil, 36. confuse

37. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
38. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
39. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
40. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
41. commit at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
42. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
43. rad_____ion of society *n.* the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior
44. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
45. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
46. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
47. soc_____mic status *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

ANSWERS: 37. individual, 38. headline, 39. immigrant, 40. identity, 41. atrocity, 42. religion, 43. radicalization, 44. rid, 45. naturally, 46. mainstream, 47. socioeconomic

48. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
49. re_____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
50. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
51. sa_____al article *adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm
52. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
53. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
54. be____d a prisoner *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
55. di____e intervention *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
56. en____l at a college *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
57. gadget te____es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

ANSWERS: 48. platform, 49. recruit, 50. horrible, 51. satirical, 52. unlikely, 53. background, 54. behead, 55. divine, 56. enroll, 57. techie

58. outdoor nu____ls *n.* a formal or ceremonial event associated with marriage; the act or process of getting married; the state of being married
59. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
60. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
61. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
62. the form of a di_____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
63. ovarian cancer su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
64. si_____fy my life *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
65. self-serving pro_____da *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
66. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
67. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 58. nuptials, 59. background, 60. religion, 61. broad, 62. dialogue, 63. survivor, 64. simplify, 65. propaganda, 66. conversation, 67. label

68. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
69. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
70. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
71. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
72. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
73. em_____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
74. in__x folder *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
75. acquisition of nat_____ty *n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
76. 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
77. 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

ANSWERS: 68. engagement, 69. tweet, 70. rid, 71. poet, 72. empower, 73. embedded, 74. inbox, 75. nationality, 76. encrypt, 77. Nazi

78. a southern ex_____re
n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
79. tec_____cal policy
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
80. diluted al_____l
n. a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
81. ro_____ic breakup
adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
82. cat_____use game
adj. referring to a situation or activity involving a tricky and elusive pursuit or strategy, where one party is constantly trying to outsmart or evade the other
83. international ali_____on
n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
84. child of il_____l immigrants
adj. not allowed by law
85. 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
86. vi_____t incident
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
87. p__e a challenge
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

ANSWERS: 78. exposure, 79. technological, 80. alcohol, 81. romantic, 82. cat-and-mouse, 83. alienation, 84. illegal, 85. jihad, 86. violent, 87. pose

88. mo____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
89. Platonic di____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
90. Je____h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
91. as____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
92. ro____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
93. co____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
94. the int____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
95. enhance the sa____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
96. clear cen____ip by the Education Ministry *n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
97. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
98. 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

ANSWERS: 88. mobilize, 89. dialogue, 90. Jewish, 91. astound, 92. roughly, 93. combine, 94. interaction, 95. saltiness, 96. censorship, 97. shock, 98. app

99. political ta____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
100. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
101. 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
102. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
103. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
104. aspiring te___es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
105. sp_____y an option *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
106. en___l in a school *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
107. sa_____al humor *adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm

ANSWERS: 99. tactics, 100. adventure, 101. swastika, 102. engineer, 103. creative, 104. techie, 105. specify, 106. enroll, 107. satirical

108. barren of cr____ve spirit	<i>adj.</i> relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
109. dow_____am processing	<i>adv.</i> in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current
110. a serious to__c	<i>n.</i> a subject that is being discussed or written about
111. co_____e fantasy with reality	<i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
112. t_y store	<i>n.</i> a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
113. en___e a new employee	<i>v.</i> to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
114. collaborate with co_____ues	<i>n.</i> one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
115. dispel do__ts	<i>n.</i> a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
116. dis_____te propaganda	<i>v.</i> to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
117. industrial se___r	<i>n.</i> a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
118. al_____ng statistics	<i>adj.</i> causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

ANSWERS: 108. creative, 109. downstream, 110. topic, 111. confuse, 112. toy, 113. engage, 114. colleague, 115. doubt, 116. disseminate, 117. sector, 118. alarming

119. ed_____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
120. 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
121. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
122. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
123. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
124. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
125. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
126. religious rad_____ion *n.* the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior
127. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
128. 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

ANSWERS: 119. educated, 120. upbringing, 121. grand, 122. engage, 123. architect, 124. specifically, 125. interaction, 126. radicalization, 127. refer, 128. radicalize

129. ar__w diagram *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
130. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
131. 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
132. go dow_____am in a boat *adv.* in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current
133. re___t being so careless *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
134. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
135. 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
136. nu_____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
137. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
138. 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

ANSWERS: 129. arrow, 130. desert, 131. inbox, 132. downstream, 133. regret, 134. illegal, 135. app, 136. nuanced, 137. complicated, 138. radicalize

139. spectacular su___t views *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
140. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
141. ho___le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
142. in___ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
143. traditional me____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
144. ex___e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
145. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
146. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
147. 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
148. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

ANSWERS: 139. sunset, 140. belong, 141. horrible, 142. interact, 143. medicinal, 144. extreme, 145. storytelling, 146. innovation, 147. Nazi, 148. toy

149. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
150. su___t this function *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
151. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
152. neurotic sy_____ms *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
153. 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
154. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
155. royal nu_____ls *n.* a formal or ceremonial event associated with marriage; the act or process of getting married; the state of being married
156. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
157. ji__d of knowledge *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

ANSWERS: 149. adventure, 150. sunset, 151. poet, 152. symptom, 153. extremist, 154. label, 155. nuptials, 156. inclusive, 157. jihad

158. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
159. si_____fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
160. 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
161. 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
162. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
163. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
164. ut_____n goal *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
165. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
166. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 158. individual, 159. simplify, 160. gloom, 161. sisterhood, 162. specific, 163. movement, 164. utopian, 165. modern, 166. threat

167. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
168. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
169. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
170. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
171. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
172. co_____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
173. re_____t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
174. acc_____lly coincide *adv.* by chance or without planning
175. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
176. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
177. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

ANSWERS: 167. process, 168. resilient, 169. vulnerable, 170. participate, 171. desert, 172. communist, 173. recruit, 174. accidentally, 175. engaging, 176. empower, 177. engagement

178. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
179. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
180. sp_____y a cause *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
181. al_____ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
182. me_____er app *n.* someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document
183. a b_w wave *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
184. bro_____od among coworkers *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
185. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
186. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
187. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
188. co_____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

ANSWERS: 178. amazing, 179. storytelling, 180. specify, 181. alarming, 182. messenger, 183. bow, 184. brotherhood, 185. educational, 186. violent, 187. trend, 188. communist

189. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
190. 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
191. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
192. pro_____da campaign *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
193. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
194. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
195. a ro____t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
196. su_____ed economic growth *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
197. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
198. the ex_____re of a fraud *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

ANSWERS: 189. engineer, 190. extremism, 191. modern, 192. propaganda, 193. medical, 194. mention, 195. robust, 196. sustained, 197. belong, 198. exposure

199. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
200. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
201. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
202. human ali_____on *n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
203. form of cen_____ip *n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
204. 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
205. 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
206. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
207. 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: 199. pose, 200. technological, 201. pilot, 202. alienation, 203. censorship, 204. upbringing, 205. aftermath, 206. pilot, 207. cloak

208. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
209. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
210. the common but nu____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
211. ed____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
212. for spe____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
213. as____ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
214. in____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
215. 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
216. a me____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
217. sy____ms of low testosterone *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

ANSWERS: 208. develop, 209. refer, 210. nuanced, 211. educated, 212. specifically, 213. aspect, 214. interact, 215. extremism, 216. medical, 217. symptom

218. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
219. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
220. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
221. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
222. dis_____te knowledge *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
223. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
224. ce___r a book *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
225. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
226. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 218. mainstream, 219. immigrant, 220. spiritual, 221. vulnerable, 222. disseminate, 223. tweet, 224. censor, 225. mention, 226. develop

227. th__t of designs *n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing
228. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
229. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
230. tr___c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
231. as____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
232. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
233. hold di_____se with him *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
234. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
235. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
236. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
237. 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"

ANSWERS: 227. theft, 228. hack, 229. tragic, 230. tragic, 231. astound, 232. hero, 233. discourse, 234. colleague, 235. conversation, 236. identity, 237. sociopath

238. nat_____ty certificate *n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
239. spirit of bro_____od *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
240. blitz ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
241. a di_____se about art *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
242. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
243. h__k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
244. gr_____c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
245. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
246. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
247. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

ANSWERS: 238. nationality, 239. brotherhood, 240. tactics, 241. discourse, 242. platform, 243. hack, 244. graphic, 245. architect, 246. embedded, 247. roughly

248. 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
249. a person who has a ta____o *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
250. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
251. victim of identity th__t *n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing
252. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
253. they met acc_____lly *adv.* by chance or without planning
254. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
255. stop drinking al_____l *n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
256. 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
257. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
258. 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

ANSWERS: 248. sisterhood, 249. tattoo, 250. participate, 251. theft, 252. strategy, 253. accidentally, 254. engaging, 255. alcohol, 256. fascist, 257. spiritual, 258. censor

259. a gr____c description of an accident
adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
260. ro____t growth
adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
261. ex____e weather events
adj. very great in amount or degree
262. cold-blooded at____ty
n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
263. the taste of sa____ss
n. the quality or state of being salty
264. is____on booth
n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
265. ba__l conversation
adj. lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
266. 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
267. cat____ze the image
v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
268. a gr__d meal
adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
269. co____e chemically with another substance
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
270. the id____gy of the left
n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

ANSWERS: 259. graphic, 260. robust, 261. extreme, 262. atrocity, 263. saltiness, 264. isolation, 265. banal, 266. aftermath, 267. categorize, 268. grand, 269. combine, 270. ideology

271. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
272. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
273. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
274. a ta___o artist *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
275. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
276. re___t a decision *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
277. there is no other alt____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
278. 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"

ANSWERS: 271. doom, 272. evil, 273. process, 274. tattoo, 275. topic, 276. regret, 277. alternative, 278. sociopath

279. 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
280. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
281. ba__l plot *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
282. 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
283. nontechnical as____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
284. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
285. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
286. ar_____ce of power *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
287. ca_____st for reform *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

ANSWERS: 279. socioeconomic, 280. romantic, 281. banal, 282. cloak, 283. aspect, 284. government, 285. politician, 286. arrogance, 287. catalyst

288. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
289. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
290. be___d several hostages *v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
291. di___e grace *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
292. brazen ar_____ce *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
293. a single su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
294. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
295. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
296. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
297. cat_____ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
298. 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: 288. complicated, 289. politician, 290. behead, 291. divine, 292. arrogance, 293. survivor, 294. mobilize, 295. alternative, 296. bond, 297. categorize, 298. swastika

299. a ca_____st in the process of hydrolysis

n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

300. the country's is_____on

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

301. based on their et_____ty

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

302. elevate edu_____al standards

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

ANSWERS: 299. catalyst, 300. isolation, 301. ethnicity, 302. educational

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
 - v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

2. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.
 - n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

3. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
 - n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

4. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
 - adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

5. The global financial crisis acted as a _____ to unite the country.
 - n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

6. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
 - n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

7. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
 - adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

8. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
 - n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. refer, 2. mainstream, 3. colleague, 4. nuanced, 5. catalyst, 6. interaction, 7. medical, 8. aspects

9. 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
10. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.
- n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
11. 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
12. The king ordered the executioner to _____ the traitor.
- v.* to cut off the head of a person or animal
13. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
14. The archer aimed his _____ carefully at the target.
- n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
15. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 9. jihad, 10. engagement, 11. sisterhood, 12. behead, 13. complicated, 14. arrow, 15. platform

16. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
17. 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
18. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.
adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming
19. Newspapers were subjected to _____ a few days later.
n. the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
20. The company has a diverse workforce representing different _____ and backgrounds.
n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
21. There is a clear association between _____ consumption and cognitive decline.
n. a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
22. 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
23. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 16. combine, 17. survivor, 18. engaging, 19. censorship, 20. ethnicity, 21. alcohol, 22. brotherhood, 23. politician

24. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
25. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
26. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
27. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
28. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
29. The view from the mountaintop was truly _____.
adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
30. The _____ exercised great care in landing.
n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
31. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.
n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

ANSWERS: 24. topic, 25. specific, 26. threat, 27. belong, 28. mentioned, 29. divine, 30. pilot, 31. ideology

32. The final result was nothing short of _____.
- v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
33. Poverty is not a reproach; however, _____ is.
- n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing
34. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.
- n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
35. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
36. That incident led to his _____.
- n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
37. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
38. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
39. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.
- v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

ANSWERS: 32. astounding, 33. theft, 34. adventures, 35. engaged, 36. isolation, 37. strategy, 38. creative, 39. hacking

40. He acted with _____ and was not well-liked by his colleagues.
n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance
41. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
42. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
43. 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
44. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
45. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.
adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
46. The passage of the bill is _____.
adj. not probable or likely to happen
47. She _____ to the audience after her performance.
v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

ANSWERS: 40. arrogance, 41. storytelling, 42. conversation, 43. alarming, 44. pose, 45. spiritual, 46. unlikely, 47. bowed

48. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

49. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

50. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.

n. a person who writes poetry

51. His feelings of _____ from society led to depression.

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

52. We must _____ ourselves of pollution.

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

53. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

54. Please _____ your explanation for the children.

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

55. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

56. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 48. desert, 49. tragic, 50. poet, 51. alienation, 52. rid, 53. communist, 54. simplify, 55. Doubt, 56. evil

57. 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

58. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

59. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

- n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

60. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.

- adv.* by chance or without planning

61. 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

62. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.

- n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

63. I need to _____ in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.

- v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

64. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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

ANSWERS: 57. tweet, 58. vulnerable, 59. label, 60. accidentally, 61. Nazi, 62. sector, 63. enroll, 64. medicinal

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

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

66. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

67. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

- adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

68. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

69. 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

70. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

71. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

- v.* to take part in something

ANSWERS: 65. movement, 66. grand, 67. roughly, 68. engineer, 69. techie, 70. process, 71. participated

72. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

73. 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

74. The company experienced _____ growth over the past decade.

adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

75. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

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

adj. very wide; general

77. 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

78. 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

ANSWERS: 72. inclusive, 73. cloak, 74. sustained, 75. dialogue, 76. broad, 77. encrypt, 78. swastika

79. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
80. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
81. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
adj. not allowed by law
82. They had formed a friendship _____.
n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
83. 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
84. 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
85. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
86. 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: 79. government, 80. architect, 81. illegal, 82. bond, 83. gloom, 84. aftermath, 85. headline, 86. radicalization

87. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.

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

88. Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital _____ for life.

- n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design

89. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.

- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

90. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

91. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

92. He was _____ gifted.

- adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners

93. He gave his daughter a new ____ for her birthday.

- n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

94. 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

ANSWERS: 87. hero, 88. tattoo, 89. specifically, 90. amazing, 91. develop, 92. naturally, 93. toy, 94. upbringing

95. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

96. 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

97. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

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

98. 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

99. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

100. He is in the _____ of his life.

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

101. The government used _____ pictures to spread its message of national unity.

n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

102. The patient displays a _____ of a side effect.

n. any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

ANSWERS: 95. horrible, 96. satirical, 97. innovation, 98. inbox, 99. interact, 100. sunset, 101. propaganda, 102. symptom

103. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

104. 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

105. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

106. She tasted the dish and detected a slight _____.

n. the quality or state of being salty

107. 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

108. The military _____ troops to the border.

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

109. 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

110. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

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

ANSWERS: 103. extreme, 104. radicalize, 105. educational, 106. saltiness, 107. censor, 108. mobilized, 109. nuptials, 110. religion

111. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

112. I _____ to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

113. You can _____ the font color by clicking the Color tab.

v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly

114. The marketing team developed new _____ to boost sales.

n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

115. 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

116. He had a _____ vision of a world without war.

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

117. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

118. The _____ chase between the detective and the criminal kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

adj. referring to a situation or activity involving a tricky and elusive pursuit or strategy, where one party is constantly trying to outsmart or evade the other

ANSWERS: 111. embedded, 112. regret, 113. specify, 114. tactics, 115. extremist, 116. utopian, 117. alternative, 118. cat-and-mouse

119. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
120. The boat drifted _____ and was carried away by the current.
adv. in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current
121. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
122. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.
n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
123. 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
124. Sweet _____ makes short days and nights.
n. any form of communication in speech or writing
125. The long _____ to the air tarnished the antique tableware.
n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
126. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 119. doom, 120. downstream, 121. confused, 122. immigrants, 123. extremism, 124. discourse, 125. exposure, 126. modern

127. 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

128. 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"

129. The oil price continued their downward _____.

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

130. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

131. 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

132. Dual _____ is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.

n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country

133. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

134. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 127. socioeconomic, 128. sociopathy, 129. trend, 130. Technological, 131. app's, 132. nationality, 133. violent, 134. resilient

135. The biologist _____ the viruses into four groups.

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

136. It was his first _____ love.

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

137. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

138. It is important to _____ accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

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

139. 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

140. He got an electric _____ at work.

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

141. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

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

142. An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called _____ RNA.

n. someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document

ANSWERS: 135. categorized, 136. romantic, 137. recruited, 138. disseminate, 139. banal, 140. shock, 141. Jewish, 142. messenger

143. 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

144. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

145. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

146. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

147. 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

148. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.

adj. having received a high standard of education

149. The _____ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

ANSWERS: 143. empowered, 144. atrocity, 145. identity, 146. background, 147. fascist, 148. educated, 149. graphic

150. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

151. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 150. robust, 151. individual,