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Session 1: Word List

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of

concentration

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

counteract

v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

synonym : balance, offset, compensate

(1) **counteract** the effect of poison, (2) **counteract** global warming

Our body's immune system produces antibodies to **counteract** disease.

excessive

adj. greater than what seems necessary, normal, or desirable

synonym : unreasonable, exorbitant, inflated

(1) an **excessive** force, (2) take **excessive** care

It would be best if you did not demand such an **excessive** charge.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym : polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym : traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

pathway

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

synonym : route, footpath, trail

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

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

folk

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

synonym :

community, family, person

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

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

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.

policy

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

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

insurmountable

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

synonym: invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable** disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

progression

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

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

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

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

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym : proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym : uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

sacrifice

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

synonym: forfeit, immolation, gift

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

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

accrue

v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

synonym: increase, accumulate, amass

(1) **accrue** to the general treasury, (2) benefits **accrue** to the community

Two-percent interest will **accrue** on your savings account.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree
synonym: diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym: reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

negotiation

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

synonym : bargaining, dialogue, haggling

(1) **negotiation** process, (2) **negotiation** skills

The **negotiation** between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym : empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

acute

adj. extremely sharp or severe

synonym : sharp, perceptive, keen

(1) **acute** pain, (2) **acute** triangle

The patient died from **acute** alcohol intoxication.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

leadership

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

synonym: captaincy, direction, initiative

(1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians

The country's **leadership** has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

council

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

synonym: board, committee, assembly

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

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

statesman

n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

synonym: solon, politician, legislator

(1) a woman **statesman**, (2) international **statesman**

This statue honors a distinguished **statesman**.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym: actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

trump

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

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

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

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym: comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

endorse

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

synonym : approve, support, advocate

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

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

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

dividend

n. a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves

synonym : payout, distribution, return

(1) **dividend** on equity ratio, (2) receive a **dividend**

The company announced a quarterly **dividend** of \$0.50 per share.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym : commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of

capitalism

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

prone

adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward

synonym : inclined, susceptible, liable

(1) accident- **prone**, (2) **prone** to diarrhea

He was **prone** to making rash decisions.

bug

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

synonym : insect, bacterium, microbe

(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes

I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

transaction

n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

synonym : trade, dealing, commerce

(1) card with no foreign **transaction** fees, (2) **transaction** balance

Electronic **transactions** remain incomplete due to system errors.

incorrect

adj. not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate

synonym : unsound, wrong, inaccurate

(1) make an **incorrect** report, (2) an **incorrect** translation

He found my English sentences are **incorrect**.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

predicament

n. a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation

synonym: situation, quandary, plight

(1) tragic **predicament**, (2) **predicament** decision

He was in a **predicament** and didn't know how to escape it.

fossil

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

synonym: relic, remnant, antediluvian

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

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

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

discourage

v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

synonym: dishearten, depress, demoralize

(1) **discourage** customers, (2) **discourage** bacterial growth

His parents tried to **discourage** him from becoming an artist.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

unpopular

adj. not liked, supported, or approved by many people;
having an unfavorable reputation

synonym : disliked, unloved, unsupported

(1) **unpopular** decision, (2) an **unpopular** opinion

The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an **unpopular** candidate for many voters.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym : fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

get-go

n. the start or beginning of something

synonym: start, beginning, initiation

(1) at the **get-go**, (2) work well from the **get-go**

From the **get-go**, it was clear that the project would be a challenge.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

treasury

n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

synonym: coffer, exchequer, bank

(1) **treasury** bonds, (2) **treasury** money

The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.

revolutionary

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

synonym: radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice

The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym: circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

republican

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

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

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

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

achieve

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

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

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.

baseline

n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball

court

synonym : standard, criterion

(1) **baseline** budget, (2) establish a **baseline**

The products they sell are the **baseline** for performance in the industry.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym : convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

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.

gallon

n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

(1) 5- **gallon** square can, (2) ten- **gallon** hat

The imperial **gallon** was standardized legally by the British Empire.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym : demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it

has been.

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.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

domino

n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events

synonym: tile, block, ivory

(1) **domino** chain, (2) **domino** effect

We knocked over a stack of **dominoes** and watched them fall one by one.

adjustment

n. a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result

synonym: alteration, adaptation, modification

(1) **adjustment** by hand, (2) a fine **adjustment**

He assumed the role of the arbitral **adjustment** of the controversy.

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.

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**.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

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

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

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

competitiveness

n. the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior

synonym: rivalry, competition, contest

(1) economic **competitiveness**, (2) global **competitiveness**

The industry's **competitiveness** requires companies to innovate and improve their products constantly.

import

v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

synonym : bring, spell

(1) **import** goods, (2) **import** a style sheet

The company **imports** raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

suit

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

synonym : taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

greenhouse

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

synonym : conservatory

(1) exotic plants in a **greenhouse**, (2) emissions of **greenhouse** gases

The **greenhouse** effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym : transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

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.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

overcome

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

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

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

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

pioneer

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

synonym : frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer

(1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**

John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.

advantage

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

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

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

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

shrink

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

synonym : decrease, diminish, shy away

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

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

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

compensation

n. something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury

synonym : reparation, allowance, reward

(1) unemployment **compensation**, (2) other forms of **compensation**

He claimed **compensation** for the injury.

gratitude

n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

synonym: appreciation, thankfulness, indebtedness

(1) a debt of **gratitude**, (2) feelings of **gratitude**

She expressed her **gratitude** towards the kind stranger who helped her.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

Congress

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

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

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

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

pessimistic

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

synonym: cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

repeal

n. the act of officially canceling or making something no longer in force; (verb) to officially cancel or make something no longer in force

synonym : cancellation, abolition, (verb) revoke

(1) call for the **repeal**, (2) **repeal** bill

The **repeal** of the law was met with mixed reactions.

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

synonym : climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

replacement

n. the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another

synonym : alternate, substitute, backup

(1) regular **replacement** of tires, (2) **replacement** cost

We demand his **replacement**.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

analogy

n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

synonym: metaphor, comparison, parallel

(1) draw **analogy**, (2) historical **analogy**

Some kinds of machine learning models show an **analogy** to how people learn.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym: allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym: plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym: overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

secretary

n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

synonym: assistant, clerk, administrator

(1) a confidential **secretary**, (2) **secretary** general

The chief **secretary** was responsible for organizing the meeting.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. en__t the smoking ban
v. to make a law; to put something into practice
3. pro_____on of disease
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
4. the ul_____te goal in life
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
5. fun_____al education
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
6. neg_____on process
n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
7. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions
v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
8. b_g the question
v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
9. nice fe___w
adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
10. enc_____ng sign
adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

ANSWERS: 1. develop, 2. enact, 3. progression, 4. ultimate, 5. fundamental, 6. negotiation, 7. admire, 8. beg, 9. fellow, 10. encouraging

11. 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
12. adj_____nt by hand *n.* a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result
13. a tr_____t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
14. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
15. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
16. ac__e pain *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
17. lea_____ip by politicians *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
18. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
19. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
20. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
21. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

ANSWERS: 11. app, 12. adjustment, 13. transit, 14. roughly, 15. nation, 16. acute, 17. leadership, 18. administer, 19. congress, 20. emission, 21. concrete

22. do___o chain *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
23. cellular signaling pa_____ys *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
24. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
25. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
26. con_____ct each other *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
27. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
28. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
29. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
30. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
31. regular rep_____nt of tires *n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another

ANSWERS: 22. domino, 23. pathway, 24. environment, 25. confer, 26. contradict, 27. impressive, 28. convinced, 29. achieve, 30. crucial, 31. replacement

32. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
33. un_____ar decision *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
34. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
35. at the ge___o *n.* the start or beginning of something
36. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
37. an ex_____ve force *adj.* greater than what seems necessary, normal, or desirable
38. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
39. dis_____ge customers *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
40. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
41. work well from the ge___o *n.* the start or beginning of something
42. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
43. his research area of
con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

ANSWERS: 32. accord, 33. unpopular, 34. statistics, 35. get-go, 36. shrink, 37. excessive, 38. consume, 39. discourage, 40. economical, 41. get-go, 42. strengthen, 43. concentration

54. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
55. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
56. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
57. ins_____ble odds *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
58. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
59. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
60. neg_____on skills *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
61. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
62. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

ANSWERS: 54. economy, 55. bug, 56. sacrifice, 57. insurmountable, 58. loop, 59. conservative, 60. negotiation, 61. achieve, 62. illustrate

63. international st_____an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
64. re___l bill *n.* the act of officially canceling or making something no longer in force; (verb) to officially cancel or make something no longer in force
65. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
66. ten-ga___n hat *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
67. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
68. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
69. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
70. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
71. cou_____ct the effect of poison *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
72. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 63. statesman, 64. repeal, 65. administer, 66. gallon, 67. kingdom, 68. contribution, 69. statistics, 70. transition, 71. counteract, 72. president

73. cou_____ct global warming *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
74. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
75. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
76. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
77. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
78. dis_____ge bacterial growth *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
79. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
80. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
81. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
82. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
83. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 73. counteract, 74. editorial, 75. climate, 76. president, 77. represent, 78. discourage, 79. gradual, 80. divide, 81. communal, 82. addition, 83. barrier

84. feelings of gr_____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
85. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
86. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
87. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
88. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
89. tragic pre_____nt *n.* a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation
90. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
91. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
92. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
93. en_____e candidate *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
94. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 84. gratitude, 85. economical, 86. fortune, 87. crucial, 88. eliminate, 89. predicament, 90. pollution, 91. logic, 92. polarization, 93. endorse, 94. economy

95. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
96. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
97. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
98. tr_____ry bonds *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
99. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
100. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
101. ad____e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
102. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
103. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
104. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 95. nowhere, 96. psychology, 97. confer, 98. treasury, 99. represent, 100. geopolitical, 101. admire, 102. bug, 103. suit, 104. fin

105. con_____ct the principle *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
106. tra_____on balance *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
107. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
108. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
109. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
110. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
111. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
112. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
113. early pi_____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
114. an in_____ct translation *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate

ANSWERS: 105. contradict, 106. transaction, 107. commitment, 108. mount, 109. preference, 110. concrete, 111. industrious, 112. advocate, 113. pioneer, 114. incorrect

115. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
116. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
117. benefits ac___e to the community *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
118. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
119. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
120. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
121. ac___e to the general treasury *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
122. se_____ry general *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

ANSWERS: 115. inspire, 116. doe, 117. accrue, 118. republican, 119. adopt, 120. policy, 121. accrue, 122. secretary

123. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
124. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
125. make an in_____ct report *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
126. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
127. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
128. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
129. di_____nd on equity ratio *n.* a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves
130. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
131. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

ANSWERS: 123. fuel, 124. complicated, 125. incorrect, 126. carbon, 127. gap, 128. discuss, 129. dividend, 130. launch, 131. consume

132. draw an____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
133. call for the re____l *n.* the act of officially canceling or making something no longer in force; (verb) to officially cancel or make something no longer in force
134. in____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
135. few cu__e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
136. an____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
137. under a cu__e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
138. an in____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
139. tr____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
140. as____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
141. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
142. ov____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 132. analogy, 133. repeal, 134. inspire, 135. curse, 136. announce, 137. curse, 138. incentive, 139. transform, 140. assume, 141. folk, 142. overcome

143. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
144. do___o effect *n.* a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
145. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
146. rep_____nt cost *n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
147. ac___e triangle *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
148. an_____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
149. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
150. ins_____ble disadvantage *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
151. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
152. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
153. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
154. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 143. capitalism, 144. domino, 145. commitment, 146. replacement, 147. acute, 148. announce, 149. nowhere, 150. insurmountable, 151. eliminate, 152. overwhelming, 153. transition, 154. addition

155. an un_____ar opinion *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
156. receive a di_____nd *n.* a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves
157. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
158. im____t a style sheet *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
159. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
160. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
161. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
162. enforce rev_____ary justice *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
163. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
164. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 155. unpopular, 156. dividend, 157. progression, 158. import, 159. translate, 160. launch, 161. suppose, 162. revolutionary, 163. doe, 164. stick

165. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
166. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
167. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
168. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
169. 5-ga___n square can *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
170. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
171. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
172. other forms of com_____ion *n.* something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury
173. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
174. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

ANSWERS: 165. blame, 166. gap, 167. illustrate, 168. suit, 169. gallon, 170. complicated, 171. strategy, 172. compensation, 173. editorial, 174. fortune

175. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
176. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
177. 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
178. a gradual re_____on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
179. pes_____ic for our survival *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
180. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
181. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
182. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
183. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
184. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

ANSWERS: 175. compel, 176. climate, 177. develop, 178. reduction, 179. pessimistic, 180. translate, 181. government, 182. divide, 183. compel, 184. concentration

185. a woman st_____an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
186. exotic plants in a gre_____se *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
187. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
188. a fo____l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
189. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
190. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
191. card with no foreign tra_____on fees *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
192. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
193. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
194. mass tr_____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
195. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 185. statesman, 186. greenhouse, 187. gradual, 188. fossil, 189. enact, 190. council, 191. transaction, 192. blame, 193. psychology, 194. transit, 195. environment

196. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
197. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
198. burning of fo____l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
199. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
200. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
201. accident-pr___e *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
202. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
203. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
204. tr_____ry money *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

ANSWERS: 196. committed, 197. ultimate, 198. fossil, 199. sacrifice, 200. strategy, 201. prone, 202. stick, 203. nation, 204. treasury

205. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
206. act as a pi____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
207. unemployment com_____ion *n.* something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury
208. rev_____ary change *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
209. pr__e to diarrhea *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
210. pre_____nt decision *n.* a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation
211. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
212. pa_____y to understanding *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
213. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
214. binational ac___d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 205. carbon, 206. pioneer, 207. compensation, 208. revolutionary, 209. prone, 210. predicament, 211. conservative, 212. pathway, 213. assume, 214. accord

215. take a pes_____ic view of life *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
216. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
217. im___t goods *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
218. take ex_____ve care *adj.* greater than what seems necessary, normal, or desirable
219. global com_____ess *n.* the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior
220. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
221. choose tr___p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
222. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 215. pessimistic, 216. contribution, 217. import, 218. excessive, 219. competitiveness, 220. republican, 221. trump, 222. fundamental

223. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
224. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
225. 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
226. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
227. en_____e a check *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
228. str_____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
229. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
230. economic com_____ess *n.* the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior
231. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
232. co_____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
233. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

ANSWERS: 223. beg, 224. transform, 225. app, 226. kingdom, 227. endorse, 228. strengthen, 229. pollution, 230. competitiveness, 231. convinced, 232. contrary, 233. fellow

234. co____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
235. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
236. a debt of gr____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
237. an ad____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
238. in a co____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
239. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
240. cost ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
241. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
242. an und____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
243. ov____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 234. combine, 235. fin, 236. gratitude, 237. advocate, 238. committed, 239. logic, 240. barrier, 241. folk, 242. underlying, 243. overcome

244. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
245. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
246. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
247. a confidential se_____ry *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
248. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
249. the clear co_____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
250. historical an_____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
251. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
252. foreign po_____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
253. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

ANSWERS: 244. complexity, 245. encouraging, 246. overwhelming, 247. secretary, 248. advantage, 249. contrary, 250. analogy, 251. shrink, 252. policy, 253. congress

254. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
255. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
256. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
257. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
258. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
259. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
260. emissions of gre_____se gases *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
261. establish a ba_____ne *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
262. the em_____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
263. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 254. advantage, 255. combine, 256. communal, 257. discuss, 258. industrious, 259. capitalism, 260. greenhouse, 261. baseline, 262. emission, 263. decision

264. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
265. a fine adj_____nt *n.* a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result
266. an und_____ng cause of an accident *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
267. reduce geo_____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
268. re_____on strategy *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
269. positive feedback l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
270. his meal pre_____ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
271. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
272. ba_____ne budget *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
273. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

ANSWERS: 264. incentive, 265. adjustment, 266. underlying, 267. geopolitical, 268. reduction, 269. loop, 270. preference, 271. council, 272. baseline, 273. roughly

274. su____e you're right

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 274. suppose

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

2. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

3. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

4. The _____ of the law was met with mixed reactions.
n. the act of officially canceling or making something no longer in force; (verb) to officially cancel or make something no longer in force

5. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;

6. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

7. Our body's immune system produces antibodies to _____ disease.
v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

8. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.
n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

ANSWERS: 1. represent, 2. encouraging, 3. concentration, 4. repeal, 5. transformed, 6. addition, 7. counteract, 8. preference

9. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
- v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
10. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
11. The products they sell are the _____ for performance in the industry.
- n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
12. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.
- adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
13. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
14. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
15. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
- v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
16. The industry's _____ requires companies to innovate and improve their products constantly.
- n.* the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior

ANSWERS: 9. begged, 10. environment, 11. baseline, 12. editorial, 13. economy, 14. combine, 15. eliminate, 16. competitiveness

17. The challenge seemed _____ but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

18. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

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

19. The patient died from _____ alcohol intoxication.

adj. extremely sharp or severe

20. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

21. The country holds dominant _____ power over its neighbors.

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

22. He found my English sentences are _____.

adj. not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate

23. The _____ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

24. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

ANSWERS: 17. insurmountable, 18. trump, 19. acute, 20. assumes, 21. geopolitical, 22. incorrect, 23. negotiation, 24. Capitalism

25. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.
n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
26. His parents tried to _____ him from becoming an artist.
v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
27. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
28. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.
adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
29. The protracted war nearly depleted the country's _____.
n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
30. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree
31. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
32. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

ANSWERS: 25. bug, 26. discourage, 27. adopted, 28. fellow, 29. treasury, 30. reduction, 31. advantages, 32. Congress

33. She expressed her _____ towards the kind stranger who helped her.
n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
34. 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
35. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
36. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
37. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
38. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
39. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.
v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
40. 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

ANSWERS: 33. gratitude, 34. complicated, 35. industrious, 36. administer, 37. divide, 38. fuel, 39. blamed, 40. develop

41. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
42. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
43. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
- adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
44. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
- v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
45. The imperial _____ was standardized legally by the British Empire.
- n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
46. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.
- adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
47. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
- v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
48. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 41. fortune, 42. gap, 43. committed, 44. announced, 45. gallon, 46. conservative, 47. overcome, 48. doe

49. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

50. This statue honors a distinguished _____.

n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

51. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

52. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

53. It would be best if you did not demand such an _____ charge.

adj. greater than what seems necessary, normal, or desirable

54. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

55. The book contains numerous statements that _____ previous reports.

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

56. He assumed the role of the arbitral _____ of the controversy.

n. a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result

ANSWERS: 49. convinced, 50. statesman, 51. launch, 52. transit, 53. excessive, 54. barrier, 55. contradict, 56. adjustment

57. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
58. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
59. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
60. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
61. When the first molecule in the _____ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.
n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
62. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.
n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
63. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.
v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
64. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 57. Climate, 58. strategy, 59. suppose, 60. Translate, 61. pathway, 62. suits, 63. compel, 64. president

65. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
66. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.
n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
67. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
68. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
69. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
70. 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
71. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
72. The _____ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.
adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

ANSWERS: 65. nation, 66. contribution, 67. statistics, 68. emissions, 69. fins, 70. app's, 71. achieve, 72. revolutionary

73. The company announced a quarterly _____ of \$0.50 per share.
n. a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves
74. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
75. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.
n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
76. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.
v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
77. The celebrity _____ the new product on social media.
v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
78. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
79. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
80. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.
v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

ANSWERS: 73. dividend, 74. pollution, 75. greenhouse, 76. strengthen, 77. endorsed, 78. sacrifice, 79. impressive, 80. mounted

81. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.
n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
82. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
83. She was unduly _____ about her future.
adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
84. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.
adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
85. He was _____ to making rash decisions.
adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
86. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
87. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
88. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.
v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

ANSWERS: 81. polarization, 82. inspired, 83. pessimistic, 84. overwhelming, 85. prone, 86. accord, 87. Communal, 88. illustrate

89. The _____ principle of every business was identical.
adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
90. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
91. We demand his _____.
n. the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
92. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
93. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
94. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
95. He was in a _____ and didn't know how to escape it.
n. a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation
96. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

ANSWERS: 89. underlying, 90. Advocates, 91. replacement, 92. complexity, 93. policy, 94. folk, 95. predicament, 96. republican

97. Electronic _____ remain incomplete due to system errors.
n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
98. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
99. The country's _____ has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.
n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
100. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
101. There's no _____ in his description.
n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
102. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
103. This shirt will _____ in the wash.
v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
104. She had a master's degree in _____.
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
105. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
n. the country ruled by a king or queen

ANSWERS: 97. transactions, 98. transition, 99. leadership, 100. commitments, 101. logic, 102. fundamental, 103. shrink, 104. psychology, 105. kingdom

106. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.

- n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

107. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

108. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.

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

109. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.

- adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

110. 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

111. The chief _____ was responsible for organizing the meeting.

- n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

112. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.

- v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

113. Two-percent interest will _____ on your savings account.

- v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

ANSWERS: 106. carbon, 107. confer, 108. fossil, 109. gradual, 110. government, 111. secretary, 112. admire, 113. accrue

114. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

115. Some kinds of machine learning models show an _____ to how people learn.

n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

116. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

117. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

118. The government _____ this law in 1925.

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

119. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

120. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

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

121. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

122. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

ANSWERS: 114. pioneer, 115. analogy, 116. roughly, 117. concrete, 118. enacted, 119. nowhere, 120. progression, 121. contrary, 122. loop

123. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
124. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary
125. We knocked over a stack of _____ and watched them fall one by one.
n. a small, flat, rectangular block used in a game that has pairs of dots on one or both sides; a consequence of an event that sets off a chain reaction of similar events
126. He claimed _____ for the injury.
n. something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury
127. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
128. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
129. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
130. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

ANSWERS: 123. discuss, 124. crucial, 125. dominoes, 126. compensation, 127. consume, 128. decision, 129. stick, 130. ultimate

131. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

132. From the _____ it was clear that the project would be a challenge.

n. the start or beginning of something

133. The company _____ raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

134. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.

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

135. They have no _____ to win the game.

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

136. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

137. The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an _____ candidate for many voters.

adj. not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation

ANSWERS: 131. curse, 132. get-go, 133. imports, 134. council, 135. incentive, 136. economical, 137. unpopular