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Session 1: Word List

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym : doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

causation

n. the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens

synonym : cause, reason, origin

(1) **causation** analysis, (2) direct **causation**

The **causation** of the disease is still under investigation by medical researchers.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

doable

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

synonym : realizable, accomplishable, achievable

(1) make a **doable** plan, (2) **doable** in daily life

This project is **doable** despite the tight schedule.

sap

v. to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale

synonym : weaken, exhaust, drain

(1) **sap** flow, (2) **sap** strength

The disease has **sapped** all his energy, and he can barely get out of bed.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

Session 2: Spelling

1. face the da_____ng reality
adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
2. ca_____on analysis
n. the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens
3. seem like a da_____ng task
adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
4. sk_____al scientists
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful
5. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. s_p flow
v. to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale
7. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8. make a do_____e plan
adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
9. s_p strength
v. to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale

ANSWERS: 1. daunting, 2. causation, 3. daunting, 4. skeptical, 5. opportune, 6. sap, 7. opportune, 8. doable, 9. sap

10. do___e in daily life

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

11. direct ca_____on

n. the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens

12. a sk_____al attitude

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

ANSWERS: 10. doable, 11. causation, 12. skeptical

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the disease is still under investigation by medical researchers.
n. the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens

2. The disease has _____ all his energy, and he can barely get out of bed.
v. to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale

3. This project is _____ despite the tight schedule.
adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

4. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

5. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

6. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.
adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

ANSWERS: 1. causation, 2. sapped, 3. doable, 4. opportune, 5. skeptical, 6. daunting