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Session 1: Word List

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

breakdown

n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization

synonym: collapse, failure, malfunction

(1) a nervous **breakdown**, (2) **breakdown** maintenance

The **breakdown** of the machinery caused a delay in production.

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym: help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal
Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

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.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym: combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

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.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**
Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**
Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas
Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners
Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

fragment

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

synonym: piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**
The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms
This artwork is **typical** of her work.

disparate

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

synonym : different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

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.

inadequate

adj. not sufficient or enough

synonym : insufficient, lacking, lacking enough

(1) an **inadequate** income, (2) **inadequate** funding

The small budget was **inadequate** to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym : degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

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.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

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.

constraint

n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

synonym: limitation, restriction, bound

(1) **constraint** on business activity, (2) strict time

constraints

The budget **constraint** forced them to make difficult decisions.

pan-American

adj. relating to or involving all of North, Central, and South America

(1) **pan-American** unity, (2) a **pan-American** organization

The goal of the summit was to **pan-American** efforts to combat climate change.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

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.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

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.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym: defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion
Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

automotive

adj. of or relating to motor vehicles

synonym : self-propelling

(1) **automotive** manufacturing, (2) an **automotive** transport company

Our company is an **automotive** component supplier to motor manufacturers.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym : create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

sector

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

synonym : division, department, branch

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

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

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

automaker

n. a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles

synonym: carmaker, vehicle maker, automobilist

(1) Japanese **automaker**, (2) luxury **automaker**

The **automaker's** sales have increased by 10% this quarter, thanks to strong consumer demand.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

vicious

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice

synonym: malicious, spiteful, malevolent

(1) **vicious** attack, (2) **vicious** deflationary spiral

The **vicious** dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

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.

emergence

n. the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent

synonym : appearance, emergence, rise

(1) **emergence** as a national leader, (2) re- **emergence** of rampant inflation

The **emergence** of a new virus can cause concern for public health.

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.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym : unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

synonym : ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

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

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities
The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

simplify

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

synonym: streamline, clarify, elucidate

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

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

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

interior

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

synonym: inner, inside, internal

(1) **interior** decoration, (2) plenty of **interior** space

The painter focused on the moody **interiors** of abandoned buildings in his work.

fixture

n. an object firmly installed in place, especially in a household, such as a bath or a toilet

synonym: fitting, appliance, equipment

(1) a light **fixture**, (2) a **fixture** in the life

He has become a **fixture** of that restaurant.

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

suspension

n. the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles

synonym: moratorium, abeyance, break

(1) **suspension** of arms, (2) **suspension** bridge

The court ordered a long-term **suspension** of business.

durable

adj. capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed

synonym: enduring, stable, long-lasting

(1) **durable** peace, (2) **durable** materials

Our company's products are made of highly **durable** materials.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident
We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

rough

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

synonym : inelegant, coarse, barbarian

(1) **rough** and tough, (2) **rough** estimation

The vehicle bounced along the **rough** mountain road.

terrain

n. the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

synonym : land, geography, topography

(1) **terrain** map, (2) permafrost **terrain**

The mountainous **terrain** was rough and rocky.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

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.

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.

engineer

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

synonym: architect, creator, builder

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

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

sturdy

adj. physically strong and not easily damaged

synonym: tough, bulky, inflexible

(1) **sturdy** frame, (2) **sturdy** young athletes

The vehicle is **sturdy** enough to handle rough terrain.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym: iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

acute

adj. extremely sharp or severe

synonym: sharp, perceptive, keen

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

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

vibration

n. a continuous quick and slight shaking movement

synonym: oscillation, fluctuation, reverberation

(1) protection against **vibration**, (2) sympathetic **vibration**

Vibration displaced part of the mechanism.

pothole

n. a hole or depression in a road surface, usually caused by wear, weathering, or erosion; can be dangerous to drivers and cause damage to vehicles

synonym : chuckhole, pit, depression

(1) deep **pothole**, (2) **pothole** repair

The car hit a **pothole** and caused a flat tire.

uneven

adj. not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical

synonym : irregular, rough, bumpy

(1) **uneven** numbers, (2) **uneven** coating

The road was **uneven**, causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.

no-brainer

n. a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

(1) **no-brainer** product, (2) look like a **no-brainer**

The first question in the test was a complete **no-brainer**.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

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.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym : element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars
The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

automatic

adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

synonym: mechanical, robotic, intuitive

(1) **automatic** operation, (2) the **automatic** shrinking of the pupils

In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an **automatic** pilot during cruising.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

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

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

immobility

n. the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily

synonym: inactivity, stillness, paralysis

(1) emotional **immobility**, (2) the **immobility** of a rock

The airplane crash resulted in the **immobility** of several passengers due to their injuries.

centric

adj. tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group;
(noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system

synonym: focused, centralized, concentrated

(1) technology- **centric** approach, (2) employee- **centric**

policies

The hotel's customer- **centric** approach always puts the needs and satisfaction of guests first.

rickshaw

n. a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation

synonym : pedicab, jinrikisha

(1) ride a **rickshaw**, (2) traditional **rickshaw**

In some cities, you can ride a **rickshaw** for a unique experience.

sedan

n. a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car

synonym : car, automobile, vehicle

(1) **sedan** car, (2) a black **sedan**

I prefer driving a **sedan** over a larger SUV because it's easier to park.

efficiently

adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

synonym : expeditiously, skillfully, ably

(1) **efficiently** combined, (2) develop software more **efficiently**

We can resolve support requests quickly and **efficiently** by utilization of AI.

enabling

adj. providing the means, support, or resources necessary for something to happen or be achieved; allowing or encouraging a particular behavior or activity

synonym : facilitating, empowering, authorized

(1) **enabling** infrastructure, (2) **enabling** mindset

Enabling technologies allows people with disabilities to lead more independent lives.

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.

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.

empower

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

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

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

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

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym: advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

platform

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

synonym: stage, podium, forum

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

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

module

n. a self-contained unit or component of a larger system or structure; a standardized unit of computer hardware or software designed to perform a specific function

synonym : component, unit, segment

(1) **module** software, (2) audio **module**

I must install a new programming **module** for my computer program to function properly.

cage

n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

synonym : enclosure, jail, corral

(1) an insect **cage**, (2) a bird in a **cage**

The trapped bear is running amok in its **cage**.

ambulance

n. a vehicle specifically designed and equipped to transport sick or injured people to and from hospitals and other medical facilities

(1) dispatch an **ambulance**, (2) **ambulance** service

The **ambulance** crew quickly stabilized the patient before transporting them to the hospital.

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym : sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**

The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

medical

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

synonym : health, disease, treatment

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

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

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.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym : gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

synonym : similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

virtual

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

synonym : practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies

She is the **virtual** president of the company.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym : flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym : manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

catapult

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

synonym: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym: motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

stability

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

synonym: resilience, solidity, steadiness

(1) **stability** pact, (2) fiscal **stability** pact

The policy should increase the country's monetary **stability**.

inevitably

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

synonym: unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be promoted.

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.

nation-state

n. a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity

synonym: sovereignty, independence, autonomy

(1) emerging **nation-state**, (2) **nation-state** autonomy

Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of **nation-states**.

boost

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

synonym: raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

skip

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

synonym: bounce, spring, neglect

(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast

We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.

negligible

adj. so small or insignificant as to be not worth considering; negligible amounts or effects are too minor or unimportant to have any major impact

synonym : insignificant, trivial, minor

(1) **negligible** impact, (2) a **negligible** amount of time

The cost of the repairs was **negligible** compared to the value of the antique car.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

hardware

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

synonym : gear, apparatus, gadget

(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**

The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

primary

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

synonym : chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

scarce

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

synonym : rare, limited, sparse

(1) **scarce** resources, (2) capital- **scarce** country

Fresh water is becoming increasingly **scarce** in many parts of the world.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

immutable

adj. unchanging; permanent or unalterable

synonym : unchanging, constant, permanent

(1) **immutable** love, (2) **immutable** characteristics

The laws of physics are **immutable**; they never change.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym : plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

hardworking

adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care

synonym : diligent, dedicated, conscientious

(1) **hardworking** student, (2) retire from **hardworking** life

They sought candidates with **hardworking** and good-natured.

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym : enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

mechanic

n. a person who repairs or maintains machinery or mechanical systems, particularly in automobiles or other vehicles; a person who is skilled in dealing with the details of a machine or system

synonym : technician, repairman, engineer

(1) car **mechanic**, (2) aircraft **mechanic**

I must take my car to the **mechanic** to check the brakes.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym : strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym : perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

guidance

n. advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making

synonym : advice, direction, support

(1) vocational **guidance**, (2) **guidance** counselor

The mentor provided **guidance** to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

mechanics

n. the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

synonym : kinematics, dynamics

(1) **mechanics** equation, (2) **mechanics** of the game

He studied **mechanics** in college and now works as an engineer.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym : craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym : moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

recruit

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

synonym: raise, enroll, enlist

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

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

on-the-job

adj. while at work or during employment; relating to or involving the experience of doing a job

synonym: work-related, hands-on, practical

(1) **on-the-job** accidents, (2) **on-the-job** experience

The new employee received **on-the-job** training to learn the ropes of the company.

procedure

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

synonym: action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**

The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym: strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

workforce

n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

synonym : labor pool, manpower

(1) skilled **workforce**, (2) the **workforce** is on strike

Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their **workforce** flexible.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

electrical

adj. relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

harness

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

synonym : rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

burgeon

v. to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

synonym : flourish, bloom, thrive

(1) **burgeon** rapidly, (2) **burgeon** from every corner.

The city's art scene has been **burgeoning** recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.

impetus

n. a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change

synonym : stimulus, momentum, drive

(1) political **impetus**, (2) technological **impetus**

Getting a raise at work was the **impetus** to start looking for a new place to live.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym : coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

bracket

n. projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols

synonym : support, holder, frame

(1) **bracket** placement, (2) tax **bracket**

I need to hang these shelves with the help of some sturdy **brackets**.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

conform

v. to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

synonym : comply, follow, adhere

(1) **conform** to standards, (2) **conform** in all its aspects

The school requires students to **conform** to a strict dress code.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

bolster

v. to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources

synonym: reinforce, support, strengthen

(1) **bolster** confidence, (2) **bolster** the economy

The company hired a new advertising agency to **bolster** its marketing efforts.

ecosystem

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

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

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

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym: prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym: obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

chain

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

synonym: series, string, link

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

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

frugal

adj. characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury

synonym: economical, thrifty, sparing

(1) live a **frugal** lifestyle, (2) a **frugal** meal

My grandparents were always **frugal** with their money, even when they had plenty of it.

innovation

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

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

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

acceleration

n. a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time

synonym: speed up, quicken, hastening

(1) a unit of **acceleration**, (2) **acceleration** of an object

The car's **acceleration** was impressive, going from 0 to 60 mph in just 5 seconds.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation

needs to be investigated.

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.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym: successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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

2. strict time con_____nts *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

3. the ha_____re department *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

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

5. capital-sc____e country *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

6. st____y young athletes *adj.* physically strong and not easily damaged

7. ca_____lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance

8. bo__t flexibility *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something

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

ANSWERS: 1. economy, 2. constraint, 3. hardware, 4. sector, 5. scarce, 6. sturdy, 7. catapult, 8. boost, 9. sector

10. vi____s deflationary spiral *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
11. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
12. ine_____ly reach the consumer *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
13. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
14. re_____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
15. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
16. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
17. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
18. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
19. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
20. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

ANSWERS: 10. vicious, 11. thrive, 12. inevitably, 13. frame, 14. recruit, 15. aspiration, 16. vast, 17. innovation, 18. commerce, 19. chain, 20. reinforce

21. po____e repair *n.* a hole or depression in a road surface, usually caused by wear, weathering, or erosion; can be dangerous to drivers and cause damage to vehicles
22. co____m in all its aspects *v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
23. the local chamber of co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
24. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
25. the inland of a co____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
26. ha____ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
27. tr____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
28. co____m to standards *v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
29. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
30. man____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
31. in____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 21. pothole, 22. conform, 23. commerce, 24. norm, 25. continent, 26. handle, 27. trillion, 28. conform, 29. fuel, 30. manufacture, 31. involve

32. ride a ri____aw *n.* a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation
33. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
34. st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
35. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
36. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
37. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
38. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
39. an ab_____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
40. employee-ce_____c policies *adj.* tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group; (noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system
41. a fr___l meal *adj.* characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury

ANSWERS: 32. rickshaw, 33. strengthen, 34. stability, 35. medical, 36. profitable, 37. broad, 38. improve, 39. abundance, 40. centric, 41. frugal

42. br____t placement *n.* projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols
43. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
44. aircraft me____ic *n.* a person who repairs or maintains machinery or mechanical systems, particularly in automobiles or other vehicles; a person who is skilled in dealing with the details of a machine or system
45. em____ce as a national leader *n.* the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent
46. im____le love *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
47. bu____n rapidly *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
48. daily co____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
49. a neg____le amount of time *adj.* so small or insignificant as to be not worth considering; negligible amounts or effects are too minor or unimportant to have any major impact
50. im____r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
51. un____n numbers *adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical

ANSWERS: 42. bracket, 43. norm, 44. mechanic, 45. emergence, 46. immutable, 47. surgeon, 48. commute, 49. negligible, 50. impair, 51. uneven

52. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
53. re____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
54. as___t his goal *v.* to help someone in doing anything
55. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
56. technological im____s *n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
57. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
58. ae____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
59. beginning of the industrial rev____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
60. aff____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
61. en____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
62. en____ng mindset *adj.* providing the means, support, or resources necessary for something to happen or be achieved; allowing or encouraging a particular behavior or activity

ANSWERS: 52. rural, 53. reliable, 54. assist, 55. urban, 56. impetus, 57. labor, 58. aesthetic, 59. revolution, 60. affordable, 61. engineer, 62. enabling

63. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
64. ac__e triangle *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
65. si_____fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
66. a black se__n *n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car
67. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
68. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
69. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
70. ve_____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
71. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
72. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
73. 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

ANSWERS: 63. handle, 64. acute, 65. simplify, 66. sedan, 67. supple, 68. urban, 69. odd, 70. vertical, 71. aesthetic, 72. feat, 73. launch

74. ov____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
75. moral et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
76. a pan____can organization *adj.* relating to or involving all of North, Central, and South America
77. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
78. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
79. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
80. a steam en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
81. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
82. ind____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

ANSWERS: 74. overlook, 75. ethic, 76. pan-American, 77. industrious, 78. supple, 79. frame, 80. engine, 81. prop, 82. industrialize

83. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
84. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
85. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
86. ch___n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
87. bo___t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
88. on-_____ob accidents *adj.* while at work or during employment; relating to or involving the experience of doing a job
89. the wo_____ce is on strike *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
90. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
91. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
92. the mo___o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
93. ex___t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
94. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
95. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity

ANSWERS: 83. industrial, 84. engineer, 85. emerging, 86. chain, 87. boost, 88. on-the-job, 89. workforce, 90. combine, 91. affordable, 92. motto, 93. export, 94. transform, 95. electrical

96. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
97. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
98. au_____ic operation *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
99. tax br_____t *n.* projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols
100. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
101. a__n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
102. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
103. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
104. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
105. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 96. steel, 97. invest, 98. automatic, 99. bracket, 100. thrive, 101. akin, 102. revolution, 103. prototype, 104. disconnect, 105. feat

106. ha____s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
107. permafrost te____n *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
108. traditional ri____aw *n.* a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation
109. improve social mo____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
110. aut____ve manufacturing *adj.* of or relating to motor vehicles
111. a breach of pr____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
112. Japanese au____er *n.* a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles
113. 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

ANSWERS: 106. harness, 107. terrain, 108. rickshaw, 109. mobility, 110. automotive, 111. privilege, 112. automaker, 113. develop

114. undergo a surgical pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
115. plenty of in_____or space *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
116. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
117. im_____t goods *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
118. me_____cs equation *n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
119. em_____y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
120. im_____le characteristics *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
121. ro__h estimation *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
122. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
123. si_____fy my life *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
124. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

ANSWERS: 114. procedure, 115. interior, 116. emerging, 117. import, 118. mechanics, 119. employ, 120. immutable, 121. rough, 122. commute, 123. simplify, 124. aspiration

125. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
126. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
127. acc_____ion of an object *n.* a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
128. as___t a patient *v.* to help someone in doing anything
129. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
130. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
131. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
132. pr_____y school *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
133. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
134. en_____ng infrastructure *adj.* providing the means, support, or resources necessary for something to happen or be achieved; allowing or encouraging a particular behavior or activity

ANSWERS: 125. communal, 126. equip, 127. acceleration, 128. assist, 129. privilege, 130. transport, 131. reimagine, 132. primary, 133. fundamental, 134. enabling

135. eff_____ly combined *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
136. bo_____r the economy *v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
137. live a fr____l lifestyle *adj.* characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury
138. powerful ca_____lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
139. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
140. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
141. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
142. technology-ce_____c approach *adj.* tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group; (noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system
143. fr_____nt of a text *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
144. nat_____ate autonomy *n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity

ANSWERS: 135. efficiently, 136. bolster, 137. frugal, 138. catapult, 139. relevance, 140. motto, 141. aim, 142. centric, 143. fragment, 144. nation-state

145. sc___e resources *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
146. mass tr____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
147. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
148. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
149. ina_____te funding *adj.* not sufficient or enough
150. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
151. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
152. hu___e race *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
153. a__n to the prior experiences *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
154. lack in mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
155. physically di_____te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
156. str_____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
157. am_____ce service *n.* a vehicle specifically designed and equipped to transport sick or injured people to and from hospitals and other medical facilities

ANSWERS: 145. scarce, 146. transit, 147. universal, 148. vast, 149. inadequate, 150. generation, 151. commitment, 152. hurdle, 153. akin, 154. mobility, 155. disparate, 156. strengthen, 157. ambulance

158. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
159. 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
160. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
161. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
162. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
163. a nervous br_____wn *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
164. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
165. ex____d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
166. gu_____ce counselor *n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
167. unr_____le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
168. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
169. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
170. s__p breakfast *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

ANSWERS: 158. technique, 159. develop, 160. communal, 161. consume, 162. transform, 163. breakdown, 164. essentially, 165. expand, 166. guidance, 167. unreliable, 168. typical, 169. industrialize, 170. skip

171. me_____cs of the game *n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
172. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
173. bo_____r confidence *v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
174. vi_____s attack *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
175. political im_____s *n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
176. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
177. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
178. degree in ele_____al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
179. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
180. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
181. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 171. mechanics, 172. essential, 173. bolster, 174. vicious, 175. impetus, 176. instruction, 177. ambitious, 178. electrical, 179. grid, 180. empower, 181. industrious

182. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
183. deep po_____e *n.* a hole or depression in a road surface, usually caused by wear, weathering, or erosion; can be dangerous to drivers and cause damage to vehicles
184. em_____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
185. re-em_____ce of rampant inflation *n.* the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent
186. retire from har_____ng life *adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
187. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
188. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
189. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
190. learning cu___e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
191. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
192. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 182. typical, 183. pothole, 184. employ, 185. emergence, 186. hardworking, 187. fundamental, 188. compound, 189. helpless, 190. curve, 191. ecosystem, 192. commitment

193. professional et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
194. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
195. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
196. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
197. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
198. s__p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
199. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
200. an air-cooled en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
201. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
202. 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;

ANSWERS: 193. ethic, 194. boom, 195. empower, 196. massive, 197. inevitable, 198. skip, 199. constrain, 200. engine, 201. hire, 202. import

203. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
204. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
205. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
206. in_____or decoration *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
207. vo____e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
208. di_____te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
209. an ina_____te income *adj.* not sufficient or enough
210. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
211. te_____n map *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
212. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 203. relevance, 204. disconnect, 205. reimagine, 206. interior, 207. volume, 208. disparate, 209. inadequate, 210. consistent, 211. terrain, 212. prop

213. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
214. a pro_____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
215. re_____t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
216. har_____ng student *adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
217. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
218. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
219. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
220. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
221. se__n car *n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car
222. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

ANSWERS: 213. boom, 214. profitable, 215. recruit, 216. hardworking, 217. vertical, 218. prosperous, 219. compound, 220. transport, 221. sedan, 222. cycle

223. a broken fr____nt
n. a small piece or part broken off or detached
224. un____n coating
adj. not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
225. the ul____te luxury
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
226. ex____t the data
v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
227. in____e a lot of paperwork
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
228. go to the workplace by cy__e
n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
229. play a vi__l role
adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something
230. el____te sexual barriers
v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
231. br____wn maintenance
n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization
232. pr____y education
adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
233. a fi____e in the life
n. an object firmly installed in place, especially in a household, such as a bath or a toilet

ANSWERS: 223. fragment, 224. uneven, 225. ultimate, 226. export, 227. involve, 228. cycle, 229. vital, 230. eliminate, 231. breakdown, 232. primary, 233. fixture

234. 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
235. the au_____ic shrinking of the pupils *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
236. im____r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
237. th____t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
238. no-_____er product *n.* a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
239. a burning th____t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
240. con_____nt on business activity *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
241. st____y frame *adj.* physically strong and not easily damaged
242. dispatch an am_____ce *n.* a vehicle specifically designed and equipped to transport sick or injured people to and from hospitals and other medical facilities
243. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
244. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something

ANSWERS: 234. economy, 235. automatic, 236. impair, 237. thirst, 238. no-brainer, 239. thirst, 240. constraint, 241. sturdy, 242. ambulance, 243. hire, 244. vital

245. du____e materials *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
246. an easy de____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
247. a vast inventory of ha____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
248. an arrival pl____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
249. individual ins____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
250. sus____on of arms *n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles
251. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
252. re____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
253. ro__h and tough *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

ANSWERS: 245. durable, 246. delivery, 247. hardware, 248. platform, 249. instruction, 250. suspension, 251. opportune, 252. reinforce, 253. rough

254. emerging nat_____ate *n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
255. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
256. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
257. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
258. overcome hu___es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
259. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
260. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
261. du_____e peace *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
262. special de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

ANSWERS: 254. nation-state, 255. labor, 256. entrepreneur, 257. opportune, 258. hurdle, 259. constrain, 260. overlook, 261. durable, 262. delivery

263. 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
264. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
265. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
266. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
267. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
268. 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
269. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
270. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
271. develop software more eff_____ly *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
272. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside

ANSWERS: 263. barrier, 264. consistent, 265. entirely, 266. essentially, 267. platform, 268. launch, 269. prosperous, 270. equip, 271. efficiently, 272. rural

273. emotional imm_____ty *n.* the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily
274. skilled wo_____ce *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
275. 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
276. a bird in a c___e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
277. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
278. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
279. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
280. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
281. trading of vi_____l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
282. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
283. sympathetic vi_____on *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
284. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
285. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

ANSWERS: 273. immobility, 274. workforce, 275. barrier, 276. cage, 277. quarter, 278. component, 279. essential, 280. entirely, 281. virtual, 282. innovation, 283. vibration, 284. component, 285. continent

286. protection against vi_____on *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
287. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
288. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
289. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
290. mo_____e software *n.* a self-contained unit or component of a larger system or structure; a standardized unit of computer hardware or software designed to perform a specific function
291. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
292. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
293. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
294. prove unr_____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
295. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
296. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
297. ine_____ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

ANSWERS: 286. vibration, 287. quarter, 288. steel, 289. universal, 290. module, 291. medical, 292. fuel, 293. technique, 294. unreliable, 295. helpless, 296. reliable, 297. inevitably

298. luxury au_____er *n.* a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles
299. fiscal st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
300. an age of ab_____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
301. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
302. the imm_____ty of a rock *n.* the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily
303. sus_____on bridge *n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles
304. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
305. a light fi_____e *n.* an object firmly installed in place, especially in a household, such as a bath or a toilet
306. vocational gu_____ce *n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
307. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
308. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

ANSWERS: 298. automaker, 299. stability, 300. abundance, 301. eliminate, 302. immobility, 303. suspension, 304. obvious, 305. fixture, 306. guidance, 307. entrepreneur, 308. odd

309. im____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
310. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
311. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
312. a vi____l image *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
313. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
314. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
315. ine____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
316. many tr____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
317. change the ec____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
318. ex____d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
319. high vo____e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
320. a unit of acc____ion *n.* a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
321. co____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
322. standard pr____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

ANSWERS: 309. improve, 310. invest, 311. aim, 312. virtual, 313. broad, 314. ultimate, 315. inevitable, 316. trillion, 317. ecosystem, 318. expand, 319. volume, 320. acceleration, 321. consume, 322. procedure

323. ac__e pain *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
324. a tr____t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
325. man____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
326. pan____can unity *adj.* relating to or involving all of North, Central, and South America
327. an insect c__e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
328. beginning of the ind____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
329. on-____ob experience *adj.* while at work or during employment; relating to or involving the experience of doing a job
330. complete a pr____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
331. audio mo__e *n.* a self-contained unit or component of a larger system or structure; a standardized unit of computer hardware or software designed to perform a specific function
332. look like a no-____er *n.* a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
333. put a ha____s on my pet *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

ANSWERS: 323. acute, 324. transit, 325. manufacture, 326. pan-American, 327. cage, 328. industrial, 329. on-the-job, 330. prototype, 331. module, 332. no-brainer, 333. harness

334. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
335. an aut_____ve transport company *adj.* of or relating to motor vehicles
336. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
337. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
338. car me_____ic *n.* a person who repairs or maintains machinery or mechanical systems, particularly in automobiles or other vehicles; a person who is skilled in dealing with the details of a machine or system
339. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
340. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
341. neg_____le impact *adj.* so small or insignificant as to be not worth considering; negligible amounts or effects are too minor or unimportant to have any major impact
342. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
343. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 334. curve, 335. automotive, 336. ambitious, 337. massive, 338. mechanic, 339. generation, 340. combine, 341. negligible, 342. grid, 343. obvious

344. bu____n from every corner.

v. to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

ANSWERS: 344. burgeon

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.
adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
2. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
3. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
4. The mentor provided _____ to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.
n. advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
5. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
6. He has become a _____ of that restaurant.
n. an object firmly installed in place, especially in a household, such as a bath or a toilet
7. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.
n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
8. I need to hang these shelves with the help of some sturdy _____.
n. projecting support or fixture used to attach or bear weight; a small shelf or ledge; a punctuation mark ([]) used to enclose words, numbers, or symbols

ANSWERS: 1. vertical, 2. invest, 3. expand, 4. guidance, 5. vast, 6. fixture, 7. transit, 8. brackets

9. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
10. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.
adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something
11. The vehicle is _____ enough to handle rough terrain.
adj. physically strong and not easily damaged
12. My grandparents were always _____ with their money, even when they had plenty of it.
adj. characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury
13. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
14. We _____ the topic because it was too complicated.
v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
15. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.
n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
16. We ____ for an overseas expansion.
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

ANSWERS: 9. feat, 10. vital, 11. sturdy, 12. frugal, 13. commerce, 14. skipped, 15. delivery, 16. aim

17. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

18. Our company's products are made of highly _____ materials.

adj. capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed

19. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

20. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

21. _____ technologies allows people with disabilities to lead more independent lives.

adj. providing the means, support, or resources necessary for something to happen or be achieved; allowing or encouraging a particular behavior or activity

22. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

23. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

24. People have been exploring ways to _____ natural forces and resources since ancient times.

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

ANSWERS: 17. supple, 18. durable, 19. prototype, 20. instruction, 21. Enabling, 22. privilege, 23. ambitious, 24. harness

25. I prefer driving a _____ over a larger SUV because it's easier to park.
- n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car
26. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
- v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
27. By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously _____.
- adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
28. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.
- n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
29. The _____ of the machinery caused a delay in production.
- n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
30. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
31. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
32. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.
- adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

ANSWERS: 25. sedan, 26. handle, 27. unreliable, 28. hardware, 29. breakdown, 30. frame, 31. innovation, 32. prosperous

33. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
34. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
35. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
36. In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an _____ pilot during cruising.
adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
37. The food chain causes a material _____.
n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
38. 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
39. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.
n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
40. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 33. improve, 34. motto, 35. empowered, 36. automatic, 37. cycle, 38. economy, 39. abundance, 40. typical

41. The laws of physics are _____ they never change.

adj. unchanging; permanent or unalterable

42. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

43. _____ displaced part of the mechanism.

n. a continuous quick and slight shaking movement

44. The vehicle bounced along the _____ mountain road.

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

45. Please _____ your explanation for the children.

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

46. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

47. His business _____ took him to the United States.

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

48. Having a strong work _____ is important for success in any field.

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

ANSWERS: 41. immutable;, 42. engine, 43. Vibration, 44. rough, 45. simplify, 46. transportation, 47. commitments, 48. ethic

49. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
50. The _____ dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.
adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
51. His grandfather was an ____ man.
adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
52. In some cities, you can ride a _____ for a unique experience.
n. a light two- or three-wheeled passenger carriage, typically pulled by a human runner or cyclist, commonly used in some Asian cities as a mode of transportation
53. The painter focused on the moody _____ of abandoned buildings in his work.
n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
54. We can resolve support requests quickly and _____ by utilization of AI.
adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
55. You are not _____ in your behavior.
adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
56. 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

ANSWERS: 49. medical, 50. vicious, 51. odd, 52. rickshaw, 53. interiors, 54. efficiently, 55. consistent, 56. barrier

57. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.
- n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
58. 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
59. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
- v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
60. I feel so _____ without you.
- adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
61. The school requires students to _____ to a strict dress code.
- v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
62. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
63. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
- n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
64. The company faced several _____ in the development of its new product.
- n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

ANSWERS: 57. Grid, 58. develop, 59. constrained, 60. helpless, 61. conform, 62. employ, 63. ecosystem, 64. hurdles

65. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

66. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

67. Actuators convert _____ pulses into motion.

adj. relating to electricity

68. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

69. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

70. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

71. The cost of the repairs was _____ compared to the value of the antique car.

adj. so small or insignificant as to be not worth considering; negligible amounts or effects are too minor or unimportant to have any major impact

72. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.

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

ANSWERS: 65. primary, 66. massive, 67. electrical, 68. Entrepreneurs, 69. Emerging, 70. hire, 71. negligible, 72. sector

73. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

74. I must take my car to the _____ to check the brakes.

n. a person who repairs or maintains machinery or mechanical systems, particularly in automobiles or other vehicles; a person who is skilled in dealing with the details of a machine or system

75. He has an _____ to become a doctor.

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

76. The small budget was _____ to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.

adj. not sufficient or enough

77. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

78. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

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

79. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

80. Getting a raise at work was the _____ to start looking for a new place to live.

n. a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change

ANSWERS: 73. industrious, 74. mechanic, 75. aspiration, 76. inadequate, 77. transformed, 78. chain, 79. steel, 80. impetus

81. The _____ crew quickly stabilized the patient before transporting them to the hospital.
- n.* a vehicle specifically designed and equipped to transport sick or injured people to and from hospitals and other medical facilities
82. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
- adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
83. The airplane crash resulted in the _____ of several passengers due to their injuries.
- n.* the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily
84. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
85. Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their _____ flexible.
- n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
86. The new service helped _____ net income by 10%.
- v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
87. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.
- adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
88. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 81. ambulance, 82. inevitable, 83. immobility, 84. ultimate, 85. workforce, 86. boost, 87. profitable, 88. obvious

89. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
90. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
91. The _____ of a new virus can cause concern for public health.
n. the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent
92. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
93. The company hired a new advertising agency to _____ its marketing efforts.
v. to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
94. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
95. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
96. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.
n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
97. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

ANSWERS: 89. exports, 90. involves, 91. emergence, 92. revolution, 93. bolster, 94. eliminate, 95. universal, 96. procedure, 97. Industrial

98. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
99. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
100. The road was _____ causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.
adj. not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
101. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
102. The mountainous _____ was rough and rocky.
n. the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
103. 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;
104. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
105. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental

ANSWERS: 98. technique, 99. boom, 100. uneven, 101. continent, 102. terrain, 103. imports, 104. equipped, 105. essential

106. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.

- v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

107. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.

- n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

108. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.

- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

109. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

- n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

110. The accident made his vision _____.

- v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse

111. The trapped bear is running amok in its _____.

- n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

112. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

- adj.* relating to or located in a town or city

113. The goal of the summit was to _____ efforts to combat climate change.

- adj.* relating to or involving all of North, Central, and South America

ANSWERS: 106. commute, 107. trillion, 108. component, 109. relevance, 110. impaired, 111. cage, 112. urban, 113. pan-American

114. The ____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
115. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
116. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.
v. to help someone in doing anything
117. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
118. The court ordered a long-term _____ of business.
n. the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles
119. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.
adj. not expensive and able to pay
120. Her interests are _____ to mine.
adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin
121. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
122. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 114. fuel, 115. combine, 116. assist, 117. thrive, 118. suspension, 119. affordable, 120. akin, 121. fundamental, 122. Communal

123. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
124. He studied _____ in college and now works as an engineer.
n. the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
125. Our company is an _____ component supplier to motor manufacturers.
adj. of or relating to motor vehicles
126. They sought candidates with _____ and good-natured.
adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care
127. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.
n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
128. We have finally lost our last _____.
n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
129. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
130. The new employee received _____ training to learn the ropes of the company.
adj. while at work or during employment; relating to or involving the experience of doing a job

ANSWERS: 123. norms, 124. mechanics, 125. automotive, 126. hardworking, 127. compound, 128. prop, 129. reimagine, 130. on-the-job

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

adj. very wide; general

132. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

133. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.

adj. of or relating to the countryside

134. The first question in the test was a complete _____.

n. a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

135. The army used a _____ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

136. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

137. The policy should increase the country's monetary _____.

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

138. I must install a new programming _____ for my computer program to function properly.

n. a self-contained unit or component of a larger system or structure; a standardized unit of computer hardware or software designed to perform a specific function

ANSWERS: 131. broad, 132. overlook, 133. rural, 134. no-brainer, 135. catapult, 136. generation, 137. stability, 138. module

139. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
140. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
141. The city's art scene has been _____ recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.
v. to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
142. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
143. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.
v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
144. The car's _____ was impressive, going from 0 to 60 mph in just 5 seconds.
n. a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
145. The car hit a _____ and caused a flat tire.
n. a hole or depression in a road surface, usually caused by wear, weathering, or erosion; can be dangerous to drivers and cause damage to vehicles
146. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely

ANSWERS: 139. labor, 140. reliable, 141. burgeoning, 142. quarter, 143. recruited, 144. acceleration, 145. pothole, 146. entirely

147. Fresh water is becoming increasingly _____ in many parts of the world.

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

148. She is the _____ president of the company.

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

149. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

150. He read books to quench his _____ for knowledge.

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

151. The budget _____ forced them to make difficult decisions.

n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

152. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

153. I have limited _____ in my arms.

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

154. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

155. We should _____ the troops at the front line.

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

ANSWERS: 147. scarce, 148. virtual, 149. opportune, 150. thirst, 151. constraint, 152. Essentially, 153. mobility, 154. engineer, 155. reinforce

156. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

157. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

158. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

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

159. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

160. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.

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

161. 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

162. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

163. Because of his excellent performance, he will _____ be promoted.

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

ANSWERS: 156. curve, 157. aesthetic, 158. consume, 159. industrialize, 160. strengthen, 161. launch, 162. disconnect, 163. inevitably

164. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.
adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
165. The patient died from _____ alcohol intoxication.
adj. extremely sharp or severe
166. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
167. The hotel's customer-_____ approach always puts the needs and satisfaction of guests first.
adj. tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group; (noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system
168. The _____ sales have increased by 10% this quarter, thanks to strong consumer demand.
n. a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles
169. Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of _____.
n. a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
170. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

ANSWERS: 164. disparate, 165. acute, 166. platform, 167. centric, 168. automaker's, 169. nation-states, 170. volume

171. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny _____ of pottery found at the dig site.

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

172. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

ANSWERS: 171. fragments, 172. manufactured