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Session 1: Word List

wiretap

v. to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line

synonym: tap, bug, intercept

(1) receiver to **wiretap** transmission data, (2) **wiretap** private communications

It later appeared that the police had **wiretapped** the suspect's conversations.

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.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

surveillance

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

synonym : administration, overseeing, control

(1) he is kept under **surveillance**, (2) **surveillance** cameras
The novel contains a criticism of the **surveillance** society.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

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.

compute

v. to make a mathematical calculation

synonym : calculate

(1) **compute** an average score, (2) **compute** the value
I tried to **compute** the efficiency of the investment.

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.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater
The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

foremost

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

synonym: leading, primary, first

(1) **foremost** expert, (2) keep **foremost** in mind

The **foremost** priority is the safety of the passengers.

spouse

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

synonym: partner, mate, wife

(1) **spouse** tax deduction, (2) **spouse** visa

The **spouse** of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

colleague

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

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

hack

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

synonym: cut, chop, crack

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

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

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym : offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

stalker

n. a person who harasses or pursues someone persistently, often with threatening or unwanted behavior

synonym : prowler, predator, pursuer

(1) **stalker** behavior, (2) cyber **stalker**

She hired a private investigator to track down her obsessed **stalker**.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym : importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym : canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

encrypt

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

synonym: encode, cipher, scramble

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

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

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

likewise

adv. in the same way

synonym: alike, correspondingly, similarly

(1) do **likewise**, (2) please revise **likewise**

He is tall and **likewise** strong.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or

alternative opinions.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym : disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym : fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym : bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

sympathetic

adj. feeling, showing, or expressing kindness or compassion to somebody who is hurt, sad, or in a problematic situation

synonym : compassionate, empathetic, understanding

(1) **sympathetic** nervous system, (2) **sympathetic** toward poor people

She is very **sympathetic** to our project.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

threat

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

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

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

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

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick
The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
synonym: proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully
They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

laptop

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**
I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**
I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

synonym: ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays
It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

token

n. something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept

synonym: symbol, emblem, representation

(1) digital **token**, (2) **token** payment

As a **token** of appreciation, the teacher gave each student a small gift at the end of the school year.

entity

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

synonym: body, object, existent

(1) legal **entity**, (2) government **entity**

A company is a distinct legal **entity**.

cabinet

n. a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

synonym: cupboard, ministry, authority

(1) member of the **cabinet**, (2) the **cabinet** above the sink

The prime minister decided to reshuffle his **cabinet** to regain

support.

backdoor

adj. a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system

synonym : hidden, secret, covert

(1) **backdoor** access, (2) **backdoor** software

The public was outraged to discover that the company had made a **backdoor** deal with the government to avoid taxes.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym : choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

surveil

v. to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on

synonym : monitor, watch, observe

(1) **surveil** suspect, (2) **surveil** the cheating spouse

The security team was assigned to **surveil** the building and ensure its safety.

thwart

v. to prevent something from happening or succeeding

synonym : hinder, block, obstruct

(1) **thwart** enemy plans, (2) **thwart** attempts

He **thwarted** the thief's attempt to steal the painting.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
2. legal en____y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
3. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
4. cyber st_____r *n.* a person who harasses or pursues someone persistently, often with threatening or unwanted behavior
5. sur_____nce cameras *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
6. bring my la____p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
7. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
8. member of the ca____t *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister
9. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more

ANSWERS: 1. smartphone, 2. entity, 3. nation, 4. stalker, 5. surveillance, 6. laptop, 7. nation, 8. cabinet, 9. increasingly

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| 10. deputy prime mi_____er | <i>n.</i> a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department |
| 11. tracking de___e | <i>n.</i> a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic |
| 12. mo_____r the data carefully | <i>v.</i> to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time |
| 13. sp___e visa | <i>n.</i> a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage |
| 14. aut_____ian government | <i>adj.</i> characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights |
| 15. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 16. pr_____ty call | <i>n.</i> something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first |
| 17. pr__e number | <i>adj.</i> main or most important; basic |
| 18. co_____e the value | <i>v.</i> to make a mathematical calculation |
| 19. th___t attempts | <i>v.</i> to prevent something from happening or succeeding |
| 20. basin-shaped va___y | <i>n.</i> a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river |
| 21. have an up__t stomach | <i>adj.</i> causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry |

ANSWERS: 10. minister, 11. device, 12. monitor, 13. spouse, 14. authoritarian, 15. industrious, 16. priority, 17. prime, 18. compute, 19. thwart, 20. valley, 21. upset

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| 22. gov_____nt bureaucracy | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 23. do li_____se | <i>adv.</i> in the same way |
| 24. wi_____p private communications | <i>v.</i> to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line |
| 25. su_____t that he is sick | <i>v.</i> to consider anything to be actual or probable |
| 26. the worst case sc_____io | <i>n.</i> a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work |
| 27. keep fo_____st in mind | <i>adj.</i> most important, leading, or prominent |
| 28. sma_____ne addict | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 29. he is kept under sur_____nce | <i>n.</i> the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected |
| 30. gov_____nt funding | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 31. com_____te well with my advisor | <i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals |
| 32. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist | <i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals |
| 33. environmental th_____t | <i>n.</i> a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation |

ANSWERS: 22. government, 23. likewise, 24. wiretap, 25. suspect, 26. scenario, 27. foremost, 28. smartphone, 29. surveillance, 30. government, 31. communicate, 32. communicate, 33. threat

34. thin-and-light la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
35. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
36. sp___e tax deduction *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
37. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
38. su_____l suspect *v.* to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on
39. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
40. the ca_____t above the sink *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister
41. in_____pt X rays *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
42. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
43. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

ANSWERS: 34. laptop, 35. upset, 36. spouse, 37. mad, 38. surveil, 39. alternative, 40. cabinet, 41. intercept, 42. imaginary, 43. hack

44. si_____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
45. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
46. in_____pt an enemy force *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
47. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
48. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
49. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
50. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
51. de_____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 44. silicon, 45. imaginary, 46. intercept, 47. sink, 48. threat, 49. technological, 50. democracy, 51. default

52. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
53. pr____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
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59. crystalline si_____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
60. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 52. sink, 53. priority, 54. colleague, 55. authoritarian, 56. tap, 57. assist, 58. scenario, 59. silicon, 60. tap

61. wanted cr____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
62. su____l the cheating spouse *v.* to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on
63. an int____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
64. de____t on the mortgage *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
65. fo____st expert *adj.* most important, leading, or prominent
66. ba____or access *adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system
67. sym____ic toward poor people *adj.* feeling, showing, or expressing kindness or compassion to somebody who is hurt, sad, or in a problematic situation
68. to__n payment *n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept

ANSWERS: 61. criminal, 62. surveil, 63. intelligence, 64. default, 65. foremost, 66. backdoor, 67. sympathetic, 68. token

69. ba____or software *adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system
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71. principles of de____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
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89. please revise li____se *adv.* in the same way
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ANSWERS: 81. encrypt, 82. criminal, 83. stalker, 84. hack, 85. entity, 86. assist, 87. encrypt, 88. compromise, 89. likewise, 90. intelligence

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| 91. cannot com_____se anymore | <i>v.</i> to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession |
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ANSWERS: 91. compromise, 92. device, 93. technological, 94. valley, 95. monitor, 96. alternative, 97. feat, 98. token, 99. sympathetic, 100. thwart

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He is tall and _____ strong.

adv. in the same way

2. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

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

4. The _____ priority is the safety of the passengers.

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

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n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

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8. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses _____ their files.

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ANSWERS: 1. likewise, 2. communicate, 3. government, 4. foremost, 5. priority, 6. cabinet, 7. sympathetic, 8. encrypt

9. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
10. She hired a private investigator to track down her obsessed _____.
- n.* a person who harasses or pursues someone persistently, often with threatening or unwanted behavior
11. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
- v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
12. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.
- v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
13. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
14. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.
- v.* to help someone in doing anything
15. He _____ the thief's attempt to steal the painting.
- v.* to prevent something from happening or succeeding

ANSWERS: 9. Silicon, 10. stalker, 11. compromised, 12. default, 13. threat, 14. assist, 15. thwarted

16. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

17. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

18. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

19. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

20. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

21. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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

22. He was ___ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

23. A company is a distinct legal _____.

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

ANSWERS: 16. imaginary, 17. sink, 18. monitor, 19. device, 20. scenarios, 21. nation, 22. mad, 23. entity

24. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.

- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

25. He was awfully _____ by the news.

- adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

26. The security team was assigned to _____ the building and ensure its safety.

- v.* to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on

27. 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

28. As a _____ of appreciation, the teacher gave each student a small gift at the end of the school year.

- n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept

29. The novel contains a criticism of the _____ society.

- n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

30. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 24. tap, 25. upset, 26. surveil, 27. feat, 28. token, 29. surveillance, 30. smartphones

31. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
32. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.
n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
33. It later appeared that the police had _____ the suspect's conversations.
v. to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line
34. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
adj. main or most important; basic
35. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
36. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
37. It is illegal to _____ police radio.
v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
38. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
39. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 31. Democracy, 32. minister, 33. wiretapped, 34. prime, 35. industrious, 36. colleague, 37. intercept, 38. suspected, 39. intelligence,

40. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

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

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

42. The public was outraged to discover that the company had made a _____ deal with the government to avoid taxes.

adj. a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system

43. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.

n. a person who has committed a crime

44. The _____ of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

45. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

46. I tried to _____ the efficiency of the investment.

v. to make a mathematical calculation

47. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

ANSWERS: 40. authoritarian, 41. alternative, 42. backdoor, 43. criminal, 44. spouse, 45. Technological, 46. compute, 47. valley

48. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my _____ all day.

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

49. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.

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

50. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

adv. more and more

ANSWERS: 48. laptop, 49. hacking, 50. increasingly