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Session 1: Word List

menstrual

adj. of or relating to the time when a woman menstruates (= to discharge the blood from the uterus) each month

synonym : catamenial

(1) a **menstrual** period, (2) **menstrual** blood

The average length of a woman's **menstrual** cycle is 21 to 35 days.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking;
(mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym : illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

irritable

adj. easily or frequently agitated, annoyed, or angered;
prone to becoming tense or angry in response to minor stimuli or events

synonym : cranky, grumpy, touchy

(1) **irritable** bowel syndrome, (2) **irritable** mood

Lack of sleep can make me **irritable** and easily annoyed.

fluctuation

n. a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes

synonym: change, instability, flux

(1) price **fluctuations**, (2) **fluctuation** of water level

Temperature **fluctuations** are often milder in oceanfront areas.

entrenched

adj. established firmly and securely

synonym: deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched** power.

ovulation

n. the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg

synonym: egg-releasing, ovary-releasing, ovum-releasing

(1) **ovulation** cycle, (2) inhibit **ovulation**

The woman tracked her **ovulation** using a fertility app on her smartphone.

menstruate

v. to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus

synonym: period, menstruation, menarche

(1) **menstruate** regularly, (2) failure to **menstruate**

The teenage girl began to **menstruate** last month.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym: pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep
Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

retrospective

adj. looking back on or dealing with past events or situations, particularly those that are considered important or influential; an exhibition or showing of a particular artist's work, covering an extended period of time

synonym: backward-looking, reflective, nostalgic

(1) **retrospective** review, (2) **retrospective** study

The **retrospective** exhibition featured some of the artist's earliest works.

inflate

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

synonym: blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports

She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym: unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

dysphoria

n. a state of unease or dissatisfaction; a general sense of anxiety, discontent, or emotional discomfort

synonym : unhappiness, distress, dissatisfaction

(1) social **dysphoria**, (2) abdomen **dysphoria**

Many individuals with gender **dysphoria** struggle with their identity and seek support.

agitation

n. a state of anxiety, excitement, or disturbance that is often associated with restlessness, agitation, or nervousness; the act of stirring or moving something in a rapid or erratic manner

synonym : excitement, restlessness, turmoil

(1) **agitation** levels, (2) political **agitation**

The crowd's **agitation** grew as the politician failed to answer their questions.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym : anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

exacerbate

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

synonym : worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

trickle

v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

synonym : dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

onslaught

n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

synonym : attack, assault, charge

(1) **onslaught** of criticism, (2) urban **onslaught**

The village was unprepared for the sudden **onslaught** of the enemy army.

irritate

v. to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

synonym: annoy, vex, bother

(1) **irritate** skin, (2) **irritate** my partner

The sound of his chewing loudly **irritates** me during dinner.

absolve

v. (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something

synonym: exempt, acquit, forgive

(1) **absolve** you from this responsibility, (2) **absolve** a person of a sin

The lender offered to **absolve** him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.

invalidate

v. to nullify, negate, or render ineffective; to prove something is false or unfounded

synonym: void, nullify, negate

(1) **invalidate** contract, (2) **invalidate** passport

Submitting false information will **invalidate** your application.

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.

cornucopia

n. a symbol of abundance or plenty, typically represented by a horn-shaped container overflowing with fruit, flowers, and other riches; an abundant or plentiful supply of good things

synonym: abundance, plenty, profusion

(1) **cornucopia** harvest, (2) **cornucopia** of options

The farmers' markets were filled with a **cornucopia** of fresh

produce during the fall harvest.

antidepressant

n. any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry

(1) an **antidepressant** drug, (2) **antidepressant** effect
She has been taking **antidepressants** since her baby died.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time
synonym: eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym: collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

childbearing

n. the act of giving birth to or bearing a child (or children), often in the context of medical or demographic research or public policy

synonym : accouchement, childbirth, maternity

(1) **childbearing** capacity, (2) **childbearing** at a later age
Many women delay **childbearing** until their careers are established.

diuretic

n. a substance or medication that increases the production of urine, which helps to reduce the level of fluids in the body; (adjective) causing increased production of urine

(1) anti- **diuretic** effect, (2) **diuretic** administration

He took an oral **diuretic** to reduce the swelling in his legs.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

synonym : profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

medic

n. a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency

synonym : paramedic, medical professional

(1) **medic** unit, (2) military **medic**

The army **medic** arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.

conceptualization

n. the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations

synonym : conception, formulation, thought

(1) **conceptualization** of a problem, (2) the **conceptualization** of the sculpture

The **conceptualization** of the project took several weeks to complete.

hysterectomy

n. a surgical procedure that involves the removal of part or all of the uterus, typically performed to treat certain medical conditions such as uterine cancer or severe endometriosis

synonym : uterus removal

(1) **hysterectomy** surgery, (2) post- **hysterectomy** recovery

She hesitated to undergo a **hysterectomy** because of the potential risks and side effects.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym : step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

minuscule

adj. extremely small; tiny

synonym : tiny, insignificant, microscopic

(1) **minuscule** amount, (2) **minuscule** letters

This ore emits **minuscule** quantities of radiation

echelon

n. a level or rank in a hierarchical organization or system; a step or stage in a hierarchical structure or scale; a formation of troops, ships, aircraft, etc., arranged in a step-like order

synonym : level, rank, tier

(1) lower **echelon** employees, (2) military **echelon**

He quickly climbed up the corporate **echelon** and became the CEO within a few years.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym : legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym: social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. an irr_____al request
adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
2. st___e down a slope
v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
3. di_____ic administration
n. a substance or medication that increases the production of urine, which helps to reduce the level of fluids in the body; (adjective) causing increased production of urine
4. cor_____ia of options
n. a symbol of abundance or plenty, typically represented by a horn-shaped container overflowing with fruit, flowers, and other riches; an abundant or plentiful supply of good things
5. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. abdomen dy_____ia
n. a state of unease or dissatisfaction; a general sense of anxiety, discontent, or emotional discomfort
7. on_____ht of criticism
n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
8. political ag_____on
n. a state of anxiety, excitement, or disturbance that is often associated with restlessness, agitation, or nervousness; the act of stirring or moving something in a rapid or erratic manner

ANSWERS: 1. irrational, 2. stride, 3. diuretic, 4. cornucopia, 5. opportune, 6. dysphoria, 7. onslaught, 8. agitation

9. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
10. mi_____le letters *adj.* extremely small; tiny
11. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
12. ir_____le mood *adj.* easily or frequently agitated, annoyed, or angered; prone to becoming tense or angry in response to minor stimuli or events
13. lu_____ve deal *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
14. ag_____on levels *n.* a state of anxiety, excitement, or disturbance that is often associated with restlessness, agitation, or nervousness; the act of stirring or moving something in a rapid or erratic manner
15. so_____al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
16. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
17. un_____d riches *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
18. tr_____e from his eyes *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
19. ir_____te my partner *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

ANSWERS: 9. unheard, 10. minuscule, 11. grind, 12. irritable, 13. lucrative, 14. agitation, 15. societal, 16. industrious, 17. untold, 18. trickle, 19. irritate

20. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
21. ov_____on cycle *n.* the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg
22. per_____te chronic pain *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
23. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
24. in_____e a tire *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
25. con_____ion of a problem *n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
26. cor_____ia harvest *n.* a symbol of abundance or plenty, typically represented by a horn-shaped container overflowing with fruit, flowers, and other riches; an abundant or plentiful supply of good things
27. ab_____e you from this responsibility *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
28. r__p crops *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

ANSWERS: 20. stereotype, 21. ovulation, 22. perpetuate, 23. industrious, 24. inflate, 25. conceptualization, 26. cornucopia, 27. absolve, 28. reap

29. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
30. ent_____ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
31. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
32. ir_____le bowel syndrome *adj.* easily or frequently agitated, annoyed, or angered; prone to becoming tense or angry in response to minor stimuli or events
33. price flu_____ons *n.* a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes
34. lu_____ve market *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
35. st___e across a room *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
36. ab_____e a person of a sin *v.* (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something
37. ent_____ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
38. have un___y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
39. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
40. me__c unit *n.* a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency

ANSWERS: 29. meaningless, 30. entrenched, 31. redefine, 32. irritable, 33. fluctuation, 34. lucrative, 35. stride, 36. absolve, 37. entrenched, 38. uneasy, 39. disturb, 40. medic

41. an ant_____ant drug *n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry
42. anti-di_____ic effect *n.* a substance or medication that increases the production of urine, which helps to reduce the level of fluids in the body; (adjective) causing increased production of urine
43. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
44. men_____te regularly *v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus
45. hys_____omy surgery *n.* a surgical procedure that involves the removal of part or all of the uterus, typically performed to treat certain medical conditions such as uterine cancer or severe endometriosis
46. re_____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
47. so_____al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
48. an un_____d story *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
49. the con_____ion of the sculpture *n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations

ANSWERS: 41. antidepressant, 42. diuretic, 43. meaningless, 44. menstruate, 45. hysterectomy, 46. redefine, 47. societal, 48. unheard, 49. conceptualization

60. ant_____ant effect *n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry
61. r__p the benefits *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
62. mi_____le amount *adj.* extremely small; tiny
63. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
64. social dy_____ia *n.* a state of unease or dissatisfaction; a general sense of anxiety, discontent, or emotional discomfort
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66. chi_____ing at a later age *n.* the act of giving birth to or bearing a child (or children), often in the context of medical or demographic research or public policy
67. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
68. irr_____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

ANSWERS: 60. antidepressant, 61. reap, 62. minuscule, 63. stereotype, 64. dysphoria, 65. fluctuation, 66. childbearing, 67. deem, 68. irrational

69. urban on_____ht *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
70. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
71. failure to men_____te *v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus
72. a me_____al period *adj.* of or relating to the time when a woman menstruates (= to discharge the blood from the uterus) each month
73. lower ec_____n employees *n.* a level or rank in a hierarchical organization or system; a step or stage in a hierarchical structure or scale; a formation of troops, ships, aircraft, etc., arranged in a step-like order
74. in_____e expense reports *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
75. inv_____te passport *v.* to nullify, negate, or render ineffective; to prove something is false or unfounded
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77. an un____d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
78. un____y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
79. per_____te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time

ANSWERS: 69. onslaught, 70. senator, 71. menstruate, 72. menstrual, 73. echelon, 74. inflate, 75. invalidate, 76. senator, 77. untold, 78. uneasy, 79. perpetuate

80. me_____al blood *adj.* of or relating to the time when a woman menstruates (= to discharge the blood from the uterus) each month
81. exa_____te the situation *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
82. post-hys_____omy recovery *n.* a surgical procedure that involves the removal of part or all of the uterus, typically performed to treat certain medical conditions such as uterine cancer or severe endometriosis
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86. inhibit ov_____on *n.* the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg

ANSWERS: 80. menstrual, 81. exacerbate, 82. hysterectomy, 83. invalidate, 84. irritate, 85. childbearing, 86. ovulation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lender offered to _____ him of \$500 in debt on condition of work.
 - v. (especially in religion or law) to declare someone free from guilt, punishment, or responsible for something

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n. a level or rank in a hierarchical organization or system; a step or stage in a hierarchical structure or scale; a formation of troops, ships, aircraft, etc., arranged in a step-like order

42. She _____ confidently across the stage to accept her award.

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

43. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

ANSWERS: 40. meaningless, 41. echelon, 42. strides, 43. irrational