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Session 1: Word List

- knit** *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
synonym : weave, crochet, knot
(1) **knit** my eyebrows, (2) **knit** a pair of socks
The grandmother **knit** a warm sweater for her grandchild.
- sweat** *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
synonym : perspiration, steam, hardwork
(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath
She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.
- consign** *v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use
synonym : transfer, deliver, entrust
(1) **consign** to oblivion, (2) **consign** the rare coins to an auction house
I will **consign** these old clothes to the donation bin.
- closet** *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
synonym : cabinet, cupboard, locker

(1) **closet** full of suits, (2) walk-in **closets**

He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the **closet**.

polite

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

synonym: courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

adopt

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

synonym: accept, assume, take on

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

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

firstborn

adj. the first child born to a mother

synonym: eldest, older, primary

(1) **firstborn** female child, (2) **firstborn** grandchild

The **firstborn** child is often the parents' favorite.

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.

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.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

contradictory

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

synonym: conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence

His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

explicit

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

synonym: clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

(1) **explicit** content, (2) **explicit** instructions

The movie had an **explicit** sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym: nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

obligation

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

synonym: burden, commitment, debt

(1) a deep **obligation**, (2) pay an **obligation**

You are under no **obligation** to finish the job.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym: ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

necklace

n. a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

synonym: chain, choker, pendant

(1) beaded **necklace**, (2) pearl **necklace**

She received a beautiful **necklace** from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable

for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym : significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

feast

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

synonym : banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone;
(noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean

They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym : essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year
Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely
You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

prestige

n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

synonym: honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company
The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

livestock

n. farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens

synonym: cattle, oxen, herd

(1) **livestock** agriculture, (2) **livestock** industry
Livestock feed is made from fodder crops.

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym: cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf
The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

accumulate

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

synonym: amass, stash, earn

(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence
He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

resemble

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something

synonym: look like, be similar to

(1) **resemble** each other, (2) **resemble** her mother

The brothers **resemble** each other in the hobby.

barter

n. the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly

synonym: trade, exchange, swap

(1) **barter** system, (2) a **barter** economy

The farmers engaged in **barter** to trade their crops with other farmers in the community.

precondition

n. a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible

synonym: requisite, prerequisite, stipulation

(1) **precondition** agreement, (2) essential **precondition**

A peaceful environment is a **precondition** for meaningful

negotiations.

haggle

v. to negotiate a deal or price by bargaining in a persistent and often argumentative way; to argue or dispute over a price or other terms of a transaction

synonym: bargain, negotiate, deal

(1) **haggle** over the price, (2) **haggle** at the flea market
I could **haggle** with the vendor and lower the item's price.

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**.

reciprocity

n. a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges

synonym: mutuality, interchange, exchange

(1) **reciprocity** relationship, (2) **reciprocity** exchange

The policy of **reciprocity** between the two countries allowed for visa-free travel.

obligate

v. to bind or compel someone morally, legally, or socially to do something; to make someone feel obligated or duty-bound to do something

synonym: compel, require, bind

(1) **obligate** businesses to provide health insurance, (2) be **obligated** to attend the session

The contract **obligates** me to complete the work by the end of the month.

recipient

n. a person who receives something

synonym: receiver, beneficiary

(1) a **recipient** of a Nobel prize, (2) a **recipient** of a lung transplant

When performing an organ transplant, it is necessary to test

for compatibility between the donor and **recipient**.

voluntary

adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

synonym: voluntary, self-willed, spontaneous

(1) **voluntary** action, (2) **voluntary** participation

The program is **voluntary**, so participants can choose whether or not to take part.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym: alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

debtor

n. a person or entity that owes money or is in debt to another party; someone who is obligated to fulfill a financial obligation

synonym: debtee, borrower, owing party

(1) defaulting **debtor**, (2) personal **debtor**

The **debtor's** credit score suffered due to missed payments.

expense

n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something

synonym: cost, expenditure, outlay

(1) enormous **expenses**, (2) **expense** account

For this project to be successful, we must control **expenses** strictly.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym: ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

indebted

adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

synonym: owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

repay

v. to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given

synonym: compensate, refund, reimburse

(1) **repay** a kindness, (2) **repay** a debt

I must **repay** my loan on time to avoid late fees and penalties.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym: sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

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.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

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.

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym : scorching, blazing, smoldering

(1) **burning** desire, (2) **burning** passion

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a **burning** inferno.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym : rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

taboo

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

synonym : forbidden, prohibited, proscribed

(1) a **taboo** word, (2) academic **taboo**

In this society, discussing politics in public is a **taboo** subject.

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.

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.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

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.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

potluck

n. a meal or gathering where everyone brings a dish to share; a situation or activity in which people contribute or participate unpredictably without prior planning or preparation

synonym : community meal, shared meal

(1) **potluck** dinner, (2) **potluck** party

Everyone brought a dish to share for the office **potluck**.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of

academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

prevail

v. to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful

synonym : triumph, prevail over, be victorious

(1) good will **prevail**, (2) **prevail** in a suit

It is common for oppressive governments to **prevail** through violence, using military and police force to control their citizens and suppress dissent.

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.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co_____al swimming pool | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 2. barren of cr_____ve spirit | <i>adj.</i> relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something |
| 3. a mollusk sh__l | <i>n.</i> hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals |
| 4. ex_____ve authority | <i>adj.</i> not divided or shared with others |
| 5. ind_____ize service | <i>v.</i> to organize the production of something into an industry |
| 6. pre_____ion agreement | <i>n.</i> a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible |
| 7. a ba____r economy | <i>n.</i> the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly |
| 8. sw__t bath | <i>n.</i> the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress |
| 9. ex_____e account | <i>n.</i> the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something |
| 10. enormous ex_____es | <i>n.</i> the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something |
| 11. ce_____ny location | <i>n.</i> a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn |

ANSWERS: 1. communal, 2. creative, 3. shell, 4. exclusive, 5. industrialize, 6. precondition, 7. barter, 8. sweat, 9. expense, 10. expense, 11. ceremony

12. 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
13. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
14. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
15. noun ph_____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
16. material we_____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
17. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
18. personal de_____r *n.* a person or entity that owes money or is in debt to another party; someone who is obligated to fulfill a financial obligation
19. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

ANSWERS: 12. economy, 13. distribute, 14. exchange, 15. phrase, 16. wealth, 17. involve, 18. debtor, 19. practical

20. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
21. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
22. a fe__t for the eyes *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
23. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
24. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
25. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
26. bu_____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
27. co_____n the rare coins to an auction house *v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use
28. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
29. rec_____ty relationship *n.* a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges
30. vo_____ry action *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
31. ce_____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

ANSWERS: 20. practical, 21. exclusive, 22. feast, 23. degree, 24. immediately, 25. instance, 26. burning, 27. consign, 28. relation, 29. reciprocity, 30. voluntary, 31. ceremony

32. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
33. a ta__o word *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
34. re_____le her mother *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
35. re_____le each other *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
36. vo_____ry participation *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
37. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
38. re__y a debt *v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given
39. pay an obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
40. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
41. ex_____it content *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
42. be ob_____ted to attend the session *v.* to bind or compel someone morally, legally, or socially to do something; to make someone feel obligated or duty-bound to do something
43. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

ANSWERS: 32. shell, 33. taboo, 34. resemble, 35. resemble, 36. voluntary, 37. canoe, 38. repay, 39. obligation, 40. compete, 41. explicit, 42. obligate, 43. alternative

44. po____k party *n.* a meal or gathering where everyone brings a dish to share; a situation or activity in which people contribute or participate unpredictably without prior planning or preparation
45. in st____t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
46. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
47. bachelor's de____e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
48. co____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
49. a nightly fe__t *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
50. ant____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
51. po____k dinner *n.* a meal or gathering where everyone brings a dish to share; a situation or activity in which people contribute or participate unpredictably without prior planning or preparation
52. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 44. potluck, 45. strict, 46. elect, 47. degree, 48. concept, 49. feast, 50. anthropology, 51. potluck, 52. profit

53. em____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
54. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
55. re__y a kindness *v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given
56. apparently con_____ory *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
57. good will pr_____l *v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
58. academic ta__o *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
59. co_____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
60. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
61. walk-in cl___ts *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
62. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
63. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
64. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 53. emerging, 54. anthropology, 55. repay, 56. contradictory, 57. prevail, 58. taboo, 59. consist, 60. norm, 61. closet, 62. norm, 63. adopt, 64. determinant

65. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
66. national pr_____ge *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
67. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
68. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
69. pa_____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
70. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
71. in_____ed to creditors *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
72. acc_____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
73. make a pr_____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 65. determinant, 66. prestige, 67. involve, 68. vary, 69. pacific, 70. property, 71. indebted, 72. accumulate, 73. profit

74. bu____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
75. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
76. co_____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
77. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
78. ba____r system *n.* the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly
79. na____e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
80. ca__e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
81. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
82. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

ANSWERS: 74. burning, 75. intellect, 76. consist, 77. process, 78. barter, 79. native, 80. canoe, 81. bond, 82. vary

83. 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
84. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
85. a man of pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
86. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
87. a re____nt of a lung transplant *n.* a person who receives something
88. po____e tone *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
89. ha____e at the flea market *v.* to negotiate a deal or price by bargaining in a persistent and often argumentative way; to argue or dispute over a price or other terms of a transaction
90. defaulting de____r *n.* a person or entity that owes money or is in debt to another party; someone who is obligated to fulfill a financial obligation

ANSWERS: 83. develop, 84. creative, 85. property, 86. process, 87. recipient, 88. polite, 89. haggle, 90. debtor

91. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
92. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
93. po___e manners *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
94. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
95. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
96. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
97. k__t a pair of socks *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
98. ha___e over the price *v.* to negotiate a deal or price by bargaining in a persistent and often argumentative way; to argue or dispute over a price or other terms of a transaction

ANSWERS: 91. importance, 92. tradition, 93. polite, 94. participate, 95. function, 96. bond, 97. knit, 98. haggle

99. 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
100. notable in____ce n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
101. all in a sw__t n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
102. human in____ct n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
103. fo___r a better relationship v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
104. con_____ory evidence adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
105. st___t compliance regime adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
106. ready-made ph___es n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together
107. co_____e against a friend v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
108. fo___r two kids v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

ANSWERS: 99. develop, 100. instance, 101. sweat, 102. intellect, 103. foster, 104. contradictory, 105. strict, 106. phrase, 107. compete, 108. foster

109. financially in_____ed *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
110. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
111. str_____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
112. a re_____nt of a Nobel prize *n.* a person who receives something
113. ex_____it instructions *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
114. cl____t full of suits *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
115. co_____n to oblivion *v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use
116. ob_____te businesses to provide health insurance *v.* to bind or compel someone morally, legally, or socially to do something; to make someone feel obligated or duty-bound to do something
117. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
118. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

ANSWERS: 109. indebted, 110. wealth, 111. strengthen, 112. recipient, 113. explicit, 114. closet, 115. consign, 116. obligate, 117. alternative, 118. strengthen

119. k__t my eyebrows *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
120. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
121. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
122. fi_____rn grandchild *adj.* the first child born to a mother
123. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
124. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
125. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
126. a deep obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
127. fi_____rn female child *adj.* the first child born to a mother
128. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
129. pearl ne_____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
130. essential pre_____ion *n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
131. li_____ck industry *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens

ANSWERS: 119. knit, 120. chief, 121. elect, 122. firstborn, 123. participate, 124. concept, 125. relation, 126. obligation, 127. firstborn, 128. accumulate, 129. necklace, 130. precondition, 131. livestock

132. the Pa____c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
133. 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
134. pr____l in a suit *v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
135. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
136. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
137. ex____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
138. a tr____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 132. pacific, 133. economy, 134. prevail, 135. adopt, 136. communal, 137. exchange, 138. tradition

139. bl_____t scarf *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
140. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
141. pr_____ge company *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
142. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
143. li_____ck agriculture *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
144. beaded ne_____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
145. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
146. bl_____t authority *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

ANSWERS: 139. blanket, 140. function, 141. prestige, 142. industrialize, 143. livestock, 144. necklace, 145. native, 146. blanket

147. ch__f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
148. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
149. rec_____ty exchange *n.* a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges
150. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
151. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
152. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay

ANSWERS: 147. chief, 148. distribute, 149. reciprocity, 150. emerging, 151. importance, 152. immediately

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His estate was _____ to his sons.
v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

2. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.
adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

3. The farmers engaged in _____ to trade their crops with other farmers in the community.
n. the exchange of goods or services without the use of money; a system of trade in which individuals exchange goods or services directly

4. This business yields little _____.
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

5. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

6. The _____ credit score suffered due to missed payments.
n. a person or entity that owes money or is in debt to another party; someone who is obligated to fulfill a financial obligation

7. I will _____ these old clothes to the donation bin.
v. to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 1. distributed, 2. chief, 3. barter, 4. profit, 5. intellect, 6. debtor's, 7. consign

8. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
9. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
10. 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
11. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
12. I could _____ with the vendor and lower the item's price.
v. to negotiate a deal or price by bargaining in a persistent and often argumentative way; to argue or dispute over a price or other terms of a transaction
13. He felt _____ to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.
adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
14. The royal _____ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.
n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
15. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
n. a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 8. alternative, 9. Communal, 10. involves, 11. wealth, 12. haggle, 13. indebted, 14. feast, 15. property

16. When performing an organ transplant, it is necessary to test for compatibility between the donor and _____.
- n.* a person who receives something
17. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.
- n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
18. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
19. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
20. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.
- v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
21. In this society, discussing politics in public is a _____ subject.
- adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
22. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
23. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.
- n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

ANSWERS: 16. recipient, 17. blanket, 18. relations, 19. process, 20. vary, 21. taboo, 22. anthropology, 23. sweat

24. I must _____ my loan on time to avoid late fees and penalties.
- v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given
25. Everyone brought a dish to share for the office _____.
- n.* a meal or gathering where everyone brings a dish to share; a situation or activity in which people contribute or participate unpredictably without prior planning or preparation
26. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
27. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.
- v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
28. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
- v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
29. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
30. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
- adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
31. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.
- v.* to be composed or made up of

ANSWERS: 24. repay, 25. potluck, 26. norms, 27. accumulated, 28. industrialize, 29. concept, 30. Emerging, 31. consists

32. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
33. They had formed a friendship _____.
- n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
34. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.
- adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
35. She received a beautiful _____ from her grandmother as a birthday gift.
- n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
36. _____ feed is made from fodder crops.
- n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
37. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
38. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something

ANSWERS: 32. function, 33. bond, 34. pacific, 35. necklace, 36. Livestock, 37. instances, 38. participated

39. After the accident, the police found an empty _____.

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

40. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.

adj. intense or scorching heat

41. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

42. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

43. The policy of _____ between the two countries allowed for visa-free travel.

n. a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges

44. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

45. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

46. He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the _____.

n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

ANSWERS: 39. canoe, 40. burning, 41. phrase, 42. exchange, 43. reciprocity, 44. practical, 45. immediately, 46. closet

47. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

48. You are under no _____ to finish the job.

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

49. The program is _____ so participants can choose whether or not to take part.

adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

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

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

51. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

52. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

53. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

54. The _____ child is often the parents' favorite.

adj. the first child born to a mother

ANSWERS: 47. creative, 48. obligation, 49. voluntary, 50. strengthen, 51. fostering, 52. native, 53. ceremony, 54. firstborn

55. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
56. For this project to be successful, we must control _____ strictly.
- n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
57. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
- v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
58. 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
59. 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
60. A peaceful environment is a _____ for meaningful negotiations.
- n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
61. His statements were _____ leaving the audience confused.
- adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
62. The university has great _____ in the academic community.
- n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

ANSWERS: 55. importance, 56. expenses, 57. compete, 58. economy, 59. develop, 60. precondition, 61. contradictory, 62. prestige

63. The brothers _____ each other in the hobby.
v. to look like or be similar to someone or something
64. The contract _____ me to complete the work by the end of the month.
v. to bind or compel someone morally, legally, or socially to do something; to make someone feel obligated or duty-bound to do something
65. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
66. The movie had an _____ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.
adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
67. The grandmother _____ a warm sweater for her grandchild.
v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
68. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
69. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.
adj. not divided or shared with others
70. It is common for oppressive governments to _____ through violence, using military and police force to control their citizens and suppress dissent.
v. to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful

ANSWERS: 63. resemble, 64. obligates, 65. adopted, 66. explicit, 67. knit, 68. elected, 69. exclusive, 70. prevail

71. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
72. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
- adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
73. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
74. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.
- n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
75. It's important to be _____ even when you disagree with someone.
- adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
76. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 71. determinant, 72. strict, 73. degree, 74. shell, 75. polite, 76. tradition