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Session 1: Word List

emigrate

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another
synonym: migrate, relocate, move

(1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

unremarkable

adj. ordinary and not particularly interesting
synonym: commonplace, unmemorable, mundane

(1) completely ordinary and **unremarkable**,
(2) **unremarkable** in looks

He was very busy at work but otherwise led an **unremarkable** life.

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
synonym: attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

utopian

adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

synonym : idealistic, perfectionistic, unrealistic

(1) **utopian** society, (2) **utopian** goal

He had a **utopian** vision of a world without war.

irritating

adj. causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation

synonym : annoying, bothersome, vexing

(1) **irritating** noise, (2) **irritating** behavior

The garbage can in the kitchen has been producing an **irritating** smell for days.

puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

synonym : marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym : grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym : shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

outskirt

n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

synonym : suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**
The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

rancid

adj. having a bad taste or smell because it is old and no longer fresh

synonym : spoiled, stale, putrid

(1) turn **rancid**, (2) **rancid** oil

The food had a **rancid** smell and was inedible.

rum

n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor

synonym : liquor, spirits, alcohol

(1) **rum** cocktail, (2) spiced **rum**

The **rum** in the pina colada gave the drink its signature kick.

slab

n. a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure

synonym : slate, tile, paving stone

(1) a **slab** of chocolate, (2) marble **slab**

The construction workers poured a large **slab** of concrete for the foundation of the building.

cockroach

n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

synonym : roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia

Cockroaches sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

wink

v. to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light

synonym : blink, flutter, twinkle

(1) **wink** at abuses, (2) **wink** away my tears
He couldn't help but **wink** at his wife during the boring meeting to make her laugh.

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.

ovary

n. either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

(1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack

They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint
The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

amazement

n. a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected

synonym: astonishment, wonder, surprise

(1) express **amazement**, (2) feeling of **amazement**

The magician's disappearing act left the audience in **amazement**.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

synonym: impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

fluctuate

v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

synonym: vary, oscillate, sway

(1) **fluctuate** prices, (2) **fluctuate** rapidly

Stock prices **fluctuate** daily based on market demand and supply.

downturn

n. a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity

and a fall in prices and employment

synonym : decline, fall, drop

(1) the **downturn** in auto sales, (2) **downturn** in health

The global economy experienced a sharp **downturn** in the wake of the pandemic.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym : enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

glob

n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

synonym : ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

altruist

n. a person who has an unselfish or selfless concern for the welfare of others; a person who values the well-being of others over their interests or desires

synonym : benefactor, philanthropist, donor

(1) charitable **altruist**, (2) an **altruistic** act

The wealthy philanthropist was known as an **altruistic** individual who donated generously to many charities.

interrelated

adj. closely connected or related to each other

synonym : connected, related, interdependent

(1) the **interrelated** nature of the problems, (2) **interrelated** factors

The different parts of the system are **interrelated** and rely on

each other to function correctly.

coincide

v. to take place at or near the same time

synonym : overlap, coexist, concur

(1) partly **coincide**, (2) **coincide** with reality

These results **coincide** with our hypothesis.

motto

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

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

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

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

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

polio

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

synonym : poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination
We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

nameless

adj. without a name or unknown; not named or identified
synonym: anonymous, unknown, unidentified

(1) **nameless** fear, (2) **nameless** child

The victim could only describe their attacker as a **nameless** figure in the darkness.

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.

dichotomy

n. a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts

synonym: division, duality, contrast

(1) moral **dichotomy**, (2) psychological **dichotomy**

The **dichotomy** between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

impractical

adj. not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome

synonym: impracticable, unrealizable, unfeasible

(1) **impractical** idea, (2) **impractical** solution

It is **impractical** to expect everyone to work for free.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

relocate

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

synonym: emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job

The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

naysaying

n. the act or practice of habitually objecting or criticizing; a tendency to be negative, pessimistic, or unsupportive

synonym: doubt, skepticism, criticism

(1) **naysaying** attitude, (2) constant **naysaying**

I ignore the **naysaying** of others and pursue my dreams anyway.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. corporate pu___t | <i>n.</i> a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else |
| 2. express am_____nt | <i>n.</i> a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected |
| 3. so_____le problem | <i>adj.</i> capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge |
| 4. po__o eradication | <i>n.</i> an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability |
| 5. mathematically so_____le equation | <i>adj.</i> capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge |
| 6. fl_____te prices | <i>v.</i> to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably |
| 7. co_____ch killer | <i>n.</i> a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home |
| 8. constant na_____ng | <i>n.</i> the act or practice of habitually objecting or criticizing; a tendency to be negative, pessimistic, or unsupportive |

ANSWERS: 1. puppet, 2. amazement, 3. solvable, 4. polio, 5. solvable, 6. fluctuate, 7. cockroach, 8. naysaying

9. imp_____al solution *adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome
10. ba_____ue grill *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
11. na_____ss fear *adj.* without a name or unknown; not named or identified
12. w__k away my tears *v.* to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light
13. fl_____te rapidly *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
14. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
15. the ou_____rt of the forest *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
16. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
17. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
18. do_____rn in health *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment

ANSWERS: 9. impractical, 10. barbecue, 11. nameless, 12. wink, 13. fluctuate, 14. excite, 15. outskirts, 16. cofounder, 17. onstage, 18. downturn

19. partly co____de *v.* to take place at or near the same time
20. the do____rn in auto sales *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
21. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
22. on the western ou____rts *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
23. na____ng attitude *n.* the act or practice of habitually objecting or criticizing; a tendency to be negative, pessimistic, or unsupportive
24. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
25. ut____n society *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
26. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
27. charitable al____st *n.* a person who has an unselfish or selfless concern for the welfare of others; a person who values the well-being of others over their interests or desires
28. unr____ble in looks *adj.* ordinary and not particularly interesting

ANSWERS: 19. coincide, 20. downturn, 21. peril, 22. outskirts, 23. naysaying, 24. rot, 25. utopian, 26. slum, 27. altruist, 28. unremarkable

29. walk on____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
30. ov__y atrophy *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
31. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
32. em____te to a new country *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
33. the int____ted nature of the problems *adj.* closely connected or related to each other
34. r_m cocktail *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
35. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
36. cor____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
37. co____de with reality *v.* to take place at or near the same time
38. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. re____te a company *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

ANSWERS: 29. onstage, 30. ovary, 31. motto, 32. emigrate, 33. interrelated, 34. rum, 35. embark, 36. corruptible, 37. coincide, 38. opportune, 39. relocate

40. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
41. spiced r_m *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
42. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
43. ra___d oil *adj.* having a bad taste or smell because it is old and no longer fresh
44. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
45. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
46. int_____ted factors *adj.* closely connected or related to each other
47. psychological di_____my *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
48. salted ov__y of walleye pollack *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

ANSWERS: 40. embark, 41. rum, 42. determinant, 43. rancid, 44. eradicate, 45. corruptible, 46. interrelated, 47. dichotomy, 48. ovary

49. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
50. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
51. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
52. irr_____ng behavior *adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation
53. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
54. irr_____ng noise *adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation
55. feeling of am_____nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
56. w__k at abuses *v.* to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light
57. 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
58. em_____te for better opportunities *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
59. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

ANSWERS: 49. unthinkable, 50. mobilize, 51. peril, 52. irritating, 53. mobilize, 54. irritating, 55. amazement, 56. wink, 57. determinant, 58. emigrate, 59. cofounder

60. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
61. ut____n goal *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
62. completely ordinary and unr____ble *adj.* ordinary and not particularly interesting
63. er____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
64. the worst hum____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
65. na____ss child *adj.* without a name or unknown; not named or identified
66. baseless pre____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
67. ex____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
68. re____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
69. marble s__b *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
70. hum____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

ANSWERS: 60. motto, 61. utopian, 62. unremarkable, 63. eradicate, 64. human-made, 65. nameless, 66. pretension, 67. explode, 68. reconnect, 69. slab, 70. human-made

71. a s__b of chocolate *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
72. have a co_____ch phobia *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
73. re_____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
74. g__b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
75. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
76. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
77. imp_____al idea *adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome
78. moral di_____my *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
79. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 71. slab, 72. cockroach, 73. reconnect, 74. glob, 75. opportune, 76. slum, 77. impractical, 78. dichotomy, 79. pretension

80. g__b of paint *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
81. ex____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
82. an unt____le coincidence *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
83. turn ra____d *adj.* having a bad taste or smell because it is old and no longer fresh
84. re____te with a new job *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
85. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
86. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
87. an al____stic act *n.* a person who has an unselfish or selfless concern for the welfare of others; a person who values the well-being of others over their interests or desires
88. ba____ue sauce *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
89. pu___t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

ANSWERS: 80. glob, 81. explode, 82. unthinkable, 83. rancid, 84. relocate, 85. rot, 86. excite, 87. altruist, 88. barbecue, 89. puppet

90. po__o epidemic

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

ANSWERS: 90. polio

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will ____.
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
2. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
3. The university _____ to campuses several miles away.
v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
4. The ____ in the pina colada gave the drink its signature kick.
n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
5. It is _____ to expect everyone to work for free.
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6. The military _____ troops to the border.
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7. The construction workers poured a large _____ of concrete for the foundation of the building.
n. a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure

ANSWERS: 1. rot, 2. cofounder, 3. relocated, 4. rum, 5. impractical, 6. mobilized, 7. slab

8. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
9. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
10. The global economy experienced a sharp _____ in the wake of the pandemic.
n. a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
11. He couldn't help but _____ at his wife during the boring meeting to make her laugh.
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12. That accident was something _____ with my long experience.
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13. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.
n. serious and great danger or risk
14. I ignore the _____ of others and pursue my dreams anyway.
n. the act or practice of habitually objecting or criticizing; a tendency to be negative, pessimistic, or unsupportive
15. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

ANSWERS: 8. motto, 9. exploded, 10. downturn, 11. wink, 12. unthinkable, 13. peril, 14. naysaying, 15. onstage,

16. The different parts of the system are _____ and rely on each other to function correctly.
adj. closely connected or related to each other
17. The _____ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.
n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
18. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
19. _____ sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.
n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
20. 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
21. The _____ between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.
n. a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
22. He was very busy at work but otherwise led an _____ life.
adj. ordinary and not particularly interesting
23. The politician was merely a _____ for the wealthy elite.
n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

ANSWERS: 16. interrelated, 17. barbecue, 18. opportune, 19. Cockroaches, 20. determinant, 21. dichotomy, 22. unremarkable, 23. puppet

24. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
25. The magician's disappearing act left the audience in _____.
n. a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
26. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
27. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.
adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
28. We _____ on a new project.
v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
29. The _____ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.
n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
30. He had a _____ vision of a world without war.
adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
31. Stock prices _____ daily based on market demand and supply.
v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

ANSWERS: 24. corruptible, 25. amazement, 26. eradicate, 27. solvable, 28. embarked, 29. polio, 30. utopian, 31. fluctuate

32. The _____ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.
- n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
33. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.
- v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
34. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
35. She squeezed a _____ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.
- n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
36. They found _____ cancer in an early stage.
- n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
37. The garbage can in the kitchen has been producing an _____ smell for days.
- adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation
38. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.
- adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
39. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
- n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

ANSWERS: 32. outskirts, 33. reconnected, 34. excited, 35. glob, 36. ovary, 37. irritating, 38. human-made, 39. slums

40. The victim could only describe their attacker as a _____ figure in the darkness.

adj. without a name or unknown; not named or identified

41. Many people _____ from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another

42. The wealthy philanthropist was known as an _____ individual who donated generously to many charities.

n. a person who has an unselfish or selfless concern for the welfare of others; a person who values the well-being of others over their interests or desires

43. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

44. The food had a _____ smell and was inedible.

adj. having a bad taste or smell because it is old and no longer fresh

45. These results _____ with our hypothesis.

v. to take place at or near the same time

ANSWERS: 40. nameless, 41. emigrated, 42. altruistic, 43. pretensions, 44. rancid, 45. coincide