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Session 1: Word List

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

persuasive

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

synonym: convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym: hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness
In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

upside

n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

synonym : advantage, benefit, top

(1) have no **upside**, (2) market **upside**

Many people see the **upside** of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym : aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym : operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym : client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the

government's proposed legislation.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television
The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

aggregate

n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

synonym: total, sum, whole

(1) data **aggregate**, (2) an **aggregate** of people

The **aggregate** amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

conditional

adj. depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions

synonym: contingent, dependent, provisional

(1) **conditional** offer, (2) **conditional** release

The **conditional** statement in the program tells the computer what to do next.

variable

adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

synonym: erratic, inconsistent, irregular

(1) a **variable** species, (2) a dependent **variable**

Rainfall in the tropics is highly **variable**.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life
The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym : ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**
He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym : assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**
This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

scenario

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

synonym : plan, scheme, procedure

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

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

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

smoker

n. a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

(1) **smoker** behavior, (2) an inveterate **smoker**

Many **smokers** are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.

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.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

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

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

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym: decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our

mistake.

penalty

n. a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
synonym : punishment, sentence, fine

(1) death **penalty**, (2) corner of the **penalty** area

The lawyer was reinstated after paying the **penalty**.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym : ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym : difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

defendant

n. a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law

synonym : accused, prisoner, litigant

(1) **defendant** in court, (2) the **defendant's** testimony

The **defendant's** lawyer argued that his client was not responsible for the crime.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

synonym: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were

unsuccessful.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

synonym : misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

arbitrary

adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

synonym : autocratic, dictatorial, whimsical

(1) **arbitrary** size and shape, (2) the **arbitrary** rule of a dictator

He collected data to avoid **arbitrary** decisions.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym : control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior
The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym: program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. market up___e | <i>n.</i> the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something |
| 2. attempted mu___r | <i>n.</i> the crime of killing somebody intentionally |
| 3. co_____t in a jail | <i>v.</i> to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison |
| 4. an international tr__d | <i>n.</i> a general direction in which something is changing or developing |
| 5. the pa_____x of the heap | <i>n.</i> a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange; |
| 6. de_____nt in court | <i>n.</i> a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law |
| 7. income di_____ty | <i>n.</i> a significant difference or inequality between two or more things |
| 8. in_____et the question | <i>v.</i> to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc. |
| 9. el___t a confession | <i>v.</i> to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty |
| 10. co_____t him of manslaughter | <i>v.</i> to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison |
| 11. the ar_____ry rule of a dictator | <i>adj.</i> based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason |

ANSWERS: 1. upside, 2. murder, 3. convict, 4. trend, 5. paradox, 6. defendant, 7. disparity, 8. interpret, 9. elicit, 10. convict, 11. arbitrary

12. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
13. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
14. ra___l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
15. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
16. a va_____le species *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
17. con_____al offer *adj.* depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions
18. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
19. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
20. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 12. unfortunately, 13. rev, 14. racial, 15. promote, 16. variable, 17. conditional, 18. rev, 19. opposition, 20. influence

21. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
22. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
23. per_____ve advertising *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
24. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
25. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
26. con_____al release *adj.* depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions
27. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
28. the de_____nt's testimony *n.* a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law
29. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
30. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
31. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
32. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 21. vulnerable, 22. manipulate, 23. persuasive, 24. relative, 25. statistics, 26. conditional, 27. participate, 28. defendant, 29. slightly, 30. survival, 31. proportion, 32. survival

33. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
34. an ag_____te of people *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
35. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
36. the di_____ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
37. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
38. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
39. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
40. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
41. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
42. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
43. el_____y woman *adj.* (a polite word for) old

ANSWERS: 33. influence, 34. aggregate, 35. accurate, 36. disparity, 37. precise, 38. promote, 39. patient, 40. unfortunately, 41. decision, 42. opposition, 43. elderly

44. cardiac su____y
n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
45. test my hyp____is
n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
46. man____te figures
v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
47. vi__l for a healthy society
adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something
48. re____ve factors
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
49. sm____r behavior
n. a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
50. el____t a solution
v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
51. mi____d him into trusting her
v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true
52. number of different sc____ios
n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
53. in____et a graph
v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
54. a dependent va____le
adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

ANSWERS: 44. surgery, 45. hypothesis, 46. manipulate, 47. vital, 48. relative, 49. smoker, 50. elicit, 51. mislead, 52. scenario, 53. interpret, 54. variable

55. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
56. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
57. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
58. corner of the pe_____y area *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
59. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
60. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
61. vi_____m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
62. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
63. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
64. I__ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
65. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 55. addition, 56. analyze, 57. addition, 58. penalty, 59. statistics, 60. hypothesis, 61. victim, 62. slightly, 63. scenario, 64. lurk, 65. context

66. I__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
67. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
68. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
69. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
70. an inveterate sm____r *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
71. ar_____ry size and shape *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
72. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
73. ambitious ag____a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
74. per_____ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
75. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
76. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
77. the professor of su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

ANSWERS: 66. lurk, 67. decision, 68. stumble, 69. proportion, 70. smoker, 71. arbitrary, 72. participate, 73. agenda, 74. persuasive, 75. accurate, 76. survive, 77. surgery

78. death pe_____y *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
79. mi_____d the enemy *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
80. data ag_____te *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
81. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
82. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
83. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
84. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
85. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
86. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
87. have no up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
88. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
89. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

ANSWERS: 78. penalty, 79. mislead, 80. aggregate, 81. victim, 82. agenda, 83. patient, 84. vulnerable, 85. stumble, 86. murder, 87. upside, 88. divide, 89. analyze

90. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
91. historical co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
92. French pa____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
93. estimate pr____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
94. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
95. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
96. a home for the el____y *adj.* (a polite word for) old
97. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
98. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

ANSWERS: 90. vital, 91. context, 92. paradox, 93. precise, 94. divide, 95. racial, 96. elderly, 97. survive, 98. trend

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
 - n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

2. Our troops pulled back to _____ the enemy.
 - v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true

3. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.
 - n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

4. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
 - n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

5. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.
 - n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

6. He moved his body _____ to the left.
 - adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

7. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
 - n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

ANSWERS: 1. victim, 2. mislead, 3. hypothesis, 4. influence, 5. proportion, 6. slightly, 7. murder

8. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

9. The oil price continued their downward _____.

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

10. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

11. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

12. He made a _____ argument for the new policy.

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

13. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

14. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

15. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

16. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 8. precise, 9. trend, 10. addition, 11. accurate, 12. persuasive, 13. context, 14. unfortunately, 15. decision, 16. patient's

17. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
18. Many people see the _____ of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.
n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
19. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.
v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
20. Many _____ are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.
n. a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
21. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
22. She _____ over the tree root.
v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
23. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.
adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
24. The _____ amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.
n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

ANSWERS: 17. analyze, 18. upside, 19. lurks, 20. smokers, 21. agenda, 22. stumbled, 23. racial, 24. aggregate

25. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

26. Rainfall in the tropics is highly _____.

adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

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v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

28. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

29. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

30. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

31. He had undergone heart _____ years before.

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

32. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

ANSWERS: 25. opposition, 26. variable, 27. interpret, 28. survive, 29. relatives, 30. statistics, 31. surgery, 32. vital

33. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
34. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
35. The _____ statement in the program tells the computer what to do next.
adj. depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions
36. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
37. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
38. There are many theories to explain this _____.
n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
39. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
40. Have you _____ a response from them yet?
v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

ANSWERS: 33. promote, 34. participated, 35. conditional, 36. vulnerable, 37. survival, 38. paradox, 39. scenarios, 40. elicited

41. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

42. The _____ woman is quite energetic.

- adj.* (a polite word for) old

43. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.

- v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

44. There is a significant _____ in pay between men and women in the company.

- n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

45. He collected data to avoid _____ decisions.

- adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

46. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

- v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

47. The _____ lawyer argued that his client was not responsible for the crime.

- n.* a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law

48. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

ANSWERS: 41. rev, 42. elderly, 43. manipulate, 44. disparity, 45. arbitrary, 46. convicted, 47. defendant's, 48. divide

49. The lawyer was reinstated after paying the _____.

n. a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract

ANSWERS: 49. penalty