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Session 1: Word List

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym: fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

amendment

n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law

synonym: modification, revision, emendation

(1) constitutional **amendment**, (2) make an **amendment** to a contract

The opposition politicians jointly proposed an **amendment** to that law.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

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.

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym: settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

undo

v. to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific

synonym: reverse, retract, revoke

(1) **undo** changes, (2) **undo** a belt

I accidentally deleted the file, so can you **undo** that action?

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

approval

n. the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable

synonym: acceptance, endorsement, permission

(1) a written **approval**, (2) express my **approval**

This project took a lot of time to get the president's **approval**.

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

legislature

n. a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state

synonym: government, lawmaking group

(1) colonial **legislature**, (2) a prefectural **legislature**

The people elect **legislature** members to represent their interests and make decisions on their behalf.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym: meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**
They met at biennial **conventions**.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**
The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

delegate

n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
synonym: representative, envoy, agent

(1) **delegate** a routine task, (2) send a **delegate**
The **delegate** from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.

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**.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy
The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

threshold

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

synonym : anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**
She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

static

adj. not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing

synonym : immobile, unchanging, fixed

(1) **static** electricity, (2) **static** website

The **static** image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.

democracy

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

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**
Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym : decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error
This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym : clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

constitutional

adj. of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

synonym: fundamental, basic, inherent

(1) **constitutional** ban, (2) a **constitutional** disease

The right to free speech is a **constitutional** right in the United States.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

synonym: bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

bloody

adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

synonym: gory, gruesome, savage

(1) **bloody** massacre, (2) **bloody** diarrhea

The crime scene was **bloody** and gruesome.

ratify

v. to officially approve or confirm something, often through a formal process or agreement; to give legal or binding validity to something by formal consent or agreement

synonym: approve, endorse, validate

(1) **ratify** a treaty, (2) **ratify** an agreement

The members of the organization voted to **ratify** the new constitution.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

formula

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

synonym: expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

synonym: entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

congressional

adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

synonym: parliamentary, senatorial, legislative

(1) **congressional** approval, (2) suspend a **congressional** meeting

There was a **congressional** probe into the scandal.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym: spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym: brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

likelihood

n. the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

synonym: probability, chance, possibility

(1) **likelihood** of the success, (2) improve the **likelihood** of a cure

The **likelihood** of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

slim

adj. having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited

synonym: slender, thin, lean

(1) **slim** chances, (2) **slim** margin

The **slim** laptop was easy to carry around and perfect for travel.

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

polar

adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

synonym: opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

Polar animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

consensus

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

synonym: agreement, accord, harmony

(1) a public **consensus**, (2) **consensus** among scientists
The two parties have reached a **consensus**.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym: foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym: fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

calculated

adj. done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance

synonym: premeditated, willful, deliberate

(1) **calculated** bankruptcy, (2) **calculated** crime

The company made a **calculated** decision to invest in new technology.

amend

v. to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it

synonym: improve, correct, alter

(1) **amend** a law, (2) **amend** his writing

The president agreed to **amend** the ill-defined regulations.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym: offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges

I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

expire

v. to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.

synonym: run out, terminate, cease

(1) **expires** next month, (2) it will **expire**

I forgot to renew my driver's license, and it **expired**.

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.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym: hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sl____y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
2. st___c website *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
3. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
4. s__m margin *adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited
5. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
6. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
7. a co___y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
8. st___c electricity *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
9. fo_____e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
10. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general

ANSWERS: 1. slavery, 2. static, 3. broad, 4. slim, 5. decide, 6. convention, 7. colony, 8. static, 9. foresee, 10. broad

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| 11. end of the first qu_____r | <i>n.</i> one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion |
| 12. po__r bears | <i>adj.</i> relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites |
| 13. as___n top priority | <i>v.</i> to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone |
| 14. lik_____od of the success | <i>n.</i> the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case |
| 15. ju_____e of Heaven | <i>n.</i> the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due |
| 16. re_____e a dispute | <i>v.</i> to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty |
| 17. a written ap_____al | <i>n.</i> the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable |
| 18. the int_____ion of history | <i>n.</i> an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious |
| 19. ap_____t members | <i>v.</i> to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place |
| 20. vo__r apathy | <i>n.</i> a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election |
| 21. u__o a belt | <i>v.</i> to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific |
| 22. se_____te cream from milk | <i>v.</i> to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different |

ANSWERS: 11. quarter, 12. polar, 13. assign, 14. likelihood, 15. justice, 16. resolve, 17. approval, 18. interpretation, 19. appoint, 20. voter, 21. undo, 22. separate

23. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
24. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
25. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
26. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
27. de_____te a routine task *n.* a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
28. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
29. 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
30. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
31. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 23. principle, 24. outlaw, 25. conflict, 26. historic, 27. delegate, 28. expand, 29. process, 30. elect, 31. progression

32. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
33. justice of the su_____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
34. it will ex____e *v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.
35. s__m chances *adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited
36. con_____nal ban *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
37. an innovative pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
38. a prefectural leg_____re *n.* a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state
39. cal_____ed bankruptcy *adj.* done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance
40. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
41. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
42. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

ANSWERS: 32. diverse, 33. supreme, 34. expire, 35. slim, 36. constitutional, 37. proposal, 38. legislature, 39. calculated, 40. statistics, 41. government, 42. threshold

43. am__d his writing *v.* to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it
44. structural fo____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
45. research in____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
46. bl___y diarrhea *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
47. po__r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
48. criminal ju____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
49. send a de____te *n.* a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
50. di____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
51. ex___es next month *v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.

ANSWERS: 43. amend, 44. formula, 45. institute, 46. bloody, 47. polar, 48. justice, 49. delegate, 50. distort, 51. expire

52. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
53. bl___y massacre *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
54. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
55. con_____nal approval *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
56. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
57. ab_____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
58. plant a co___y *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
59. become pol_____ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
60. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
61. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
62. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

ANSWERS: 52. representative, 53. bloody, 54. conflict, 55. congressional, 56. decide, 57. abolish, 58. colony, 59. politically, 60. democracy, 61. distort, 62. outlaw

63. ve__e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
64. am__d a law *v.* to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it
65. a qu____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
66. peace co____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
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68. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
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70. pro____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
71. ex__d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

ANSWERS: 63. verge, 64. amend, 65. quarter, 66. congress, 67. congress, 68. elect, 69. threshold, 70. progression, 71. expand

72. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
73. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
74. constitutional am_____nt *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
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ANSWERS: 72. propose, 73. belong, 74. amendment, 75. abolish, 76. formula, 77. process, 78. convention, 79. slavery, 80. statistics

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ANSWERS: 81. approval, 82. constitution, 83. democracy, 84. proposal, 85. consensus, 86. appoint, 87. obstacle, 88. principle, 89. belong

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103. improve the lik_____od of a cure *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
104. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
105. ra____y a treaty *v.* to officially approve or confirm something, often through a formal process or agreement; to give legal or binding validity to something by formal consent or agreement
106. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
107. suspend a con_____nal meeting *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
108. u__o changes *v.* to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific
109. fo_____e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
110. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 100. politically, 101. nation, 102. interpretation, 103. likelihood, 104. representative, 105. ratify, 106. diverse, 107. congressional, 108. undo, 109. foresee, 110. government

111. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
112. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
113. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
114. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
115. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
116. make an am_____nt to a contract *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
117. colonial leg_____re *n.* a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state

ANSWERS: 111. institute, 112. separate, 113. nation, 114. obstacle, 115. propose, 116. amendment, 117. legislature

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ declared its independence and became a republic.
 - n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

2. They met at biennial _____.
 - n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

3. The people elect _____ members to represent their interests and make decisions on their behalf.
 - n.* a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state

4. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country
 - n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

5. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
 - v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

6. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
 - n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

7. He stood on the _____ of a major discovery.
 - n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

ANSWERS: 1. colony, 2. conventions, 3. legislature, 4. constitution, 5. foresee, 6. principle, 7. verge

8. The company made a _____ decision to invest in new technology.
adj. done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance
9. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
10. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
11. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.
n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
12. The two parties have reached a _____.
n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
13. The crime scene was _____ and gruesome.
adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
14. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.
v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
15. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
16. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 8. calculated, 9. proposal, 10. historic, 11. justice, 12. consensus, 13. bloody, 14. abolish, 15. government, 16. progression

17. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
18. The opposition politicians jointly proposed an _____ to that law.
- n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
19. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
- n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
20. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.
- v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
21. The members of the organization voted to _____ the new constitution.
- v. to officially approve or confirm something, often through a formal process or agreement; to give legal or binding validity to something by formal consent or agreement
22. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
23. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
24. I forgot to renew my driver's license, and it _____.
- v. to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.

ANSWERS: 17. expand, 18. amendment, 19. Congress, 20. assign, 21. ratify, 22. separate, 23. conflicts, 24. expired

25. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
26. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.
- v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
27. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.
- adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
28. The abolition of _____ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.
- n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
29. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
- adj.* very wide; general
30. His _____ of literary works are often unique.
- n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
31. The _____ image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.
- adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
32. The media _____ had special passes.
- n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

ANSWERS: 25. belong, 26. outlaw, 27. diverse, 28. slavery, 29. broad, 30. interpretations, 31. static, 32. representatives

33. The _____ from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.
n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
34. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
35. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
36. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
37. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
38. There was a _____ probe into the scandal.
adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
39. The court _____ a guardian for the child.
v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
40. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 33. delegate, 34. resolves, 35. propose, 36. voter, 37. institutes, 38. congressional, 39. appointed, 40. distort

41. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
42. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.
n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
43. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
44. The _____ laptop was easy to carry around and perfect for travel.
adj. having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited
45. 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
46. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
47. The president agreed to _____ the ill-defined regulations.
v. to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it
48. I accidentally deleted the file, so can you _____ that action?
v. to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific

ANSWERS: 41. nation, 42. formula, 43. obstacle, 44. slim, 45. elected, 46. Democracy, 47. amend, 48. undo

49. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

50. The right to free speech is a _____ right in the United States.

- adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

51. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.

- adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

52. This project took a lot of time to get the president's _____.

- n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable

53. She's on the _____ of adulthood.

- n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

54. The _____ of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

- n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

55. 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

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

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

ANSWERS: 49. decide, 50. constitutional, 51. politically, 52. approval, 53. threshold, 54. likelihood, 55. process, 56. statistics

57. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

58. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

59. _____ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

ANSWERS: 57. supreme, 58. quarter, 59. Polar