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Session 1: Word List

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury
Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym: present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

indistinct

adj. not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

synonym: faint, blurred, hazy

(1) **indistinct** memory, (2) **indistinct** pronunciation

The **indistinct** shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

endless

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

synonym : infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

refute

v. to say or prove that something is wrong or false

synonym : disavow, rebut, counter

(1) **refute** an opponent, (2) **refute** the foolish idea

The latest experimental results have **refuted** the previous speculation.

hedonist

n. a person who believes that pleasure and happiness are the most important goals in life

synonym : pleasure-seeker, sensualist, sybarite

(1) **hedonist** lifestyle, (2) aesthetic **hedonist**

The **hedonist's** extravagant spending and indulgent lifestyle eventually caught up with him, and he was forced to make major changes.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

maxim

n. a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior

synonym : adage, proverb, aphorism

(1) old **maxim**, (2) act upon a **maxim**

A good **maxim** is never out of season.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym: boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym: peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

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.

no-brainer

n. a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

(1) **no-brainer** product, (2) look like a **no-brainer**

The first question in the test was a complete **no-brainer**.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

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.

dissuade

v. to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

synonym : discourage, deter, convince

(1) **dissuade** a person, (2) **dissuade** him from committing the crime

He tried to **dissuade** her from quitting her job.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

heel

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

synonym : hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

unbeknownst

adv. without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

synonym : secretly, covertly

(1) **unbeknownst** to me, (2) **unbeknownst** to any of us
Unbeknownst to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

rendezvous

n. a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location

synonym : meeting, appointment, encounter

(1) romantic **rendezvous**, (2) business **rendezvous**

Our **rendezvous** point was the coffee shop on the corner.

duration

n. the length of time something lasts or continues

synonym : period, span, course

(1) the **duration** of insurance, (2) short **duration**

The military incarcerated him for the **duration** of the war.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

traumatic

adj. relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury

synonym : distressing

(1) **traumatic** event, (2) **traumatic** brain injury

The experience was so **traumatic** that it left a lasting impact on the survivor's mental health.

bliss

n. extreme happiness or joy

synonym : delight, euphoria, happiness

(1) ignorance is **bliss**, (2) ultimate **bliss**

The first two years of her marriage were sheer **bliss**.

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym : unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss

His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

infidelity

n. the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner

synonym : disloyalty, adultery, affair

(1) alleged **infidelity**, (2) act of **infidelity**

She forgave him for his **infidelity**.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym : assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym : choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

sharply

adv. suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner

synonym : dashingly, smartly, snappily

(1) **sharply** questioned, (2) drop **sharply**

The value of our house rose **sharply** last year.

intrinsic

adj. belonging naturally; essential

synonym : inherent, innate, natural

(1) **intrinsic** value, (2) **intrinsic** nature

The **intrinsic** beauty of the painting was immediately apparent to all who viewed it.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym : genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

triangle

n. a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts

synonym : trilateral, delta, triad

(1) **triangle** shape, (2) love **triangle**

The Pythagorean theorem is used to calculate the length of the sides of a right **triangle**.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

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.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

pleasurable

adj. giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable

synonym: comforting, enjoyable, gratifying

(1) a **pleasurable** experience, (2) have a very **pleasurable** time

Our marital life was full of happiness and **pleasurable** excitement.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ignorance is bl__s | <i>n.</i> extreme happiness or joy |
| 2. short du____on | <i>n.</i> the length of time something lasts or continues |
| 3. ac___d with public opinion | <i>n.</i> an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have |
| 4. the ul____te goal in life | <i>adj.</i> furthest or highest in degree or order |
| 5. h__l wrestler | <i>n.</i> the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something |
| 6. basic br__n function | <i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling |
| 7. a ple_____le experience | <i>adj.</i> giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable |
| 8. tr____ic event | <i>adj.</i> relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury |
| 9. alleged inf____ty | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner |
| 10. drop sh____y | <i>adv.</i> suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner |
| 11. re____e one word with another | <i>v.</i> to take the place of something |
| 12. the ma____m speed | <i>adj.</i> the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained |

ANSWERS: 1. bliss, 2. duration, 3. accord, 4. ultimate, 5. heel, 6. brain, 7. pleasurable, 8. traumatic, 9. infidelity, 10. sharply, 11. replace, 12. maximum

13. re___e an opponent *v.* to say or prove that something is wrong or false
14. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
15. for a li_____ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
16. re___e the foolish idea *v.* to say or prove that something is wrong or false
17. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
18. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
19. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
20. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
21. ultimate bl__s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
22. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
23. aesthetic he_____st *n.* a person who believes that pleasure and happiness are the most important goals in life
24. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
25. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

ANSWERS: 13. refute, 14. maintain, 15. limitless, 16. refute, 17. philosophy, 18. extreme, 19. essentially, 20. romantic, 21. bliss, 22. inherent, 23. hedonist, 24. brain, 25. prefer

26. love tr____le *n.* a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts
27. ma____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
28. ind____ct memory *adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood
29. pr____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
30. h__l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
31. have a very ple____le time *adj.* giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable
32. imp____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
33. ig____ce of the law *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
34. the sets were meticulously
au____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
35. sh____y questioned *adv.* suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner
36. unb____st to me *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
37. re____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
38. dem____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

ANSWERS: 26. triangle, 27. maintain, 28. indistinct, 29. propose, 30. heel, 31. pleasurable, 32. imperfectly, 33. ignorance, 34. authentic, 35. sharply, 36. unbeknownst, 37. replace, 38. demonstrate

39. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
40. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
41. en_____s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
42. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
43. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
44. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
45. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
46. en_____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
47. no-_____er product *n.* a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
48. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
49. 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

ANSWERS: 39. imperfectly, 40. philosophy, 41. endless, 42. extreme, 43. committed, 44. guarantee, 45. tempting, 46. endless, 47. no-brainer, 48. committed, 49. decision

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| 50. series of exp_____nts | <i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge |
| 51. re_____on of inclusion | <i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |
| 52. di_____de him from committing the crime | <i>v.</i> to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action |
| 53. the du_____on of insurance | <i>n.</i> the length of time something lasts or continues |
| 54. p__e a challenge | <i>v.</i> to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed |
| 55. number of different sc_____ios | <i>n.</i> a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work |
| 56. he_____st lifestyle | <i>n.</i> a person who believes that pleasure and happiness are the most important goals in life |
| 57. pr_____e changes | <i>v.</i> to make a proposal, declare a plan for something |
| 58. ig_____ce is bliss | <i>n.</i> lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact |
| 59. literature of pe_____nt value | <i>adj.</i> lasting for a long time without essential change |
| 60. li_____ss potential | <i>adj.</i> without end, limit, or boundary; infinite |
| 61. in_____nt risk | <i>adj.</i> existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute |
| 62. sound very te_____ng | <i>adj.</i> likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe |

ANSWERS: 50. experiment, 51. relation, 52. dissuade, 53. duration, 54. pose, 55. scenario, 56. hedonist, 57. propose, 58. ignorance, 59. permanent, 60. limitless, 61. inherent, 62. tempting

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. in____ic value *adj.* belonging naturally; essential
65. pe____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
66. pr____r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
67. romantic ren____us *n.* a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location
68. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
69. ro____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
70. an au____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
71. look like a no-____er *n.* a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
72. act of inf____ty *n.* the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner
73. tr____ic brain injury *adj.* relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury
74. ma____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
75. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 63. scenario, 64. intrinsic, 65. permanent, 66. prefer, 67. rendezvous, 68. pose, 69. romantic, 70. authentic, 71. no-brainer, 72. infidelity, 73. traumatic, 74. maximum, 75. destroy

76. binational ac___d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
77. di____de a person *v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
78. ind_____ct pronunciation *adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood
79. old ma__m *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
80. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
81. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
82. act upon a ma__m *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
83. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
84. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
85. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 76. accord, 77. dissuade, 78. indistinct, 79. maxim, 80. ultimate, 81. demonstrate, 82. maxim, 83. develop, 84. guarantee, 85. destroy

86. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
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89. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
90. in_____ic nature *adj.* belonging naturally; essential
91. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
92. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
93. unb_____st to any of us *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
94. business ren_____us *n.* a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location

ANSWERS: 86. relation, 87. triangle, 88. experiment, 89. develop, 90. intrinsic, 91. essentially, 92. decision, 93. unbeknownst, 94. rendezvous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She forgave him for his _____.
n. the quality or state of being unfaithful, especially having sex with someone who is not your partner
2. The _____ beauty of the painting was immediately apparent to all who viewed it.
adj. belonging naturally; essential
3. The possibilities for scientific discovery are _____.
adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
4. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
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5. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
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6. He tried to _____ her from quitting her job.
v. to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
7. The latest experimental results have _____ the previous speculation.
v. to say or prove that something is wrong or false
8. The military incarcerated him for the _____ of the war.
n. the length of time something lasts or continues

ANSWERS: 1. infidelity, 2. intrinsic, 3. limitless, 4. accord, 5. scenarios, 6. dissuade, 7. refuted, 8. duration

9. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

10. A good _____ is never out of season.

n. a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior

11. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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12. He created an _____ shaped torso.

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

13. The stages of the play were meticulously _____

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

14. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

15. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

16. Our _____ point was the coffee shop on the corner.

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ANSWERS: 9. ultimate, 10. maxim, 11. develop, 12. imperfectly, 13. authentic, 14. permanent, 15. guarantee, 16. rendezvous

17. The _____ extravagant spending and indulgent lifestyle eventually caught up with him, and he was forced to make major changes.
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24. The Pythagorean theorem is used to calculate the length of the sides of a right _____.
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ANSWERS: 17. hedonist's, 18. experiments, 19. maintain, 20. bliss, 21. ignorance, 22. propose, 23. committed, 24. triangle

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- adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

33. She wore high _____ to the party.

- n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

ANSWERS: 25. brain, 26. demonstrate, 27. destroyed, 28. extreme, 29. prefer, 30. tempting, 31. pose, 32. indistinct, 33. heels

34. 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

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adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

40. The experience was so _____ that it left a lasting impact on the survivor's mental health.

adj. relating to or caused by injury, especially emotional injury

41. The value of our house rose _____ last year.

adv. suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner

42. Our marital life was full of happiness and _____ excitement.

adj. giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable

ANSWERS: 34. decision, 35. Essentially, 36. Unbeknownst, 37. inherent, 38. relations, 39. romantic, 40. traumatic, 41. sharply, 42. pleasurable

43. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

44. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

45. The first question in the test was a complete _____.

n. a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

46. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

v. to take the place of something

47. Ethics is a branch of _____.

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 43. endless, 44. maximum, 45. no-brainer, 46. replace, 47. philosophy