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Session 1: Word List

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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.

platonic

adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

synonym: nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love

His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

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**.

footnote

n. a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text

synonym : annotation, comment, reference

(1) **footnote** citation, (2) add a **footnote**

I included a **footnote** in my essay to provide additional information and sources for my argument.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

rundown

n. a brief or summary account of something, usually presented in a list or sequence; a state of disrepair or neglect; (adjective) of or relating to a physical object, typically a building or area, which has not been well-maintained and is in a state of disrepair or decay

synonym : summation, summary, synopsis

(1) a **rundown** of local events, (2) **rundown** building

The boss gave us a quick **rundown** of the new project during the meeting.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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.

unchanging

adj. not changing or subject to change; constant
synonym: constant, stable, static

(1) **unchanging** laws, (2) rigidly **unchanging**

The **unchanging** nature of the mountain range was a source of constant wonder for the hikers.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym: idea, notion, vision

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

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

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

comprise

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

synonym: consist of, include, be composed of

(1) **comprise** a large percentage, (2) **comprise** the recent past

The team **comprises** players from different countries.

strive

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

synonym: preserve, endure, persist

(1) **strive** hard to get, (2) **strive** for excellence

They **strived** to make their dream come true.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a

full-time job.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document
Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

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.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym: unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply
She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

vex

v. to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation

synonym: annoy, irritate, bother

(1) **vex** my mind, (2) **vex** me all night

The loud noise from the construction site was starting to **vex** the nearby residents.

theologian

n. an expert or student who studies theology

synonym: clergyperson, philosopher, scholar

(1) Swedish **theologian**, (2) great **theologians**

Death gets more than its share of attention from **theologians**.

screenwriter

n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

synonym: scriptwriter, playwright

(1) aspiring **screenwriter**, (2) experienced **screenwriter**

The movie's success was largely attributed to the **screenwriter's** cleverly written script.

alike

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

synonym : similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done them.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym : situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

humankind

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

synonym : humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

lump

n. a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough

synonym : mass, clump, ball

(1) **lump** in the throat, (2) single **lump** sum

There is a small **lump** on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.

featherless

adj. devoid of feathers, or with few or inadequate feathers; often used metaphorically to describe something or someone that lacks the usual characteristics or qualities associated with it

synonym : bald, naked, unfeathered

(1) **featherless** bird, (2) **featherless** chicken

The bald eagle's **featherless** head distinguishes it from other birds of prey.

biped

n. an animal with two feet

synonym : hominoid

(1) **biped** robot, (2) a featherless **biped**

Biped walking encouraged the further evolution of humankind.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym : skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym : aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym :

disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners
The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

behold

v. to look at and observe with attention

synonym: see, observe, watch

(1) **behold** the sunrise, (2) a joy to **behold**

His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to **behold**.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym: art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

ruling

n. a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

synonym: judgment, decision, verdict

(1) legal **ruling**, (2) supreme court **ruling**

The judge's **ruling** was in favor of the defendant.

republic

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

synonym: democracy, federation, commonwealth

(1) **republic** democracy, (2) the **republic** of art

The United States is a federal presidential constitutional **republic**.

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym: paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

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.

harmonious

adj. characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

synonym: concordant, consistent, melodious

(1) **harmonious** relationship, (2) **harmonious** blend

The painting's **harmonious** composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

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.

inconsistent

adj. not remaining constant or in agreement

synonym : conflicting, discrepant, contrary

(1) **inconsistent** results, (2) **inconsistent** with the roadmap
This lawsuit appears to be unfair and **inconsistent**.

liken

v. to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way

synonym : compare, equate, analogize

(1) **liken** to a flower, (2) **liken** to a bird

Some people **liken** meditation to a mental shower, refreshing and rejuvenating the mind.

womb

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym : uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym : ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

espouse

v. to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry

synonym : adopt, support, embrace

(1) **espouse** a cause, (2) **espouse** an idea

She **espoused** the philosophy of non-violence.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders
Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym: potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician
Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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?

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

noble

adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

synonym: dignified, aristocratic, benevolent

(1) a **noble** family, (2) **noble** gas

He is a **noble-minded** man

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent
I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

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.

mixture

n. a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties

synonym: blend, amalgam, concoction

(1) **mixture** of emotions, (2) perfect **mixture**

The paint was a **mixture** of different pigments to achieve the desired color.

brass

n. a metal alloy of copper and zinc; a yellowish color; a group of wind instruments made of brass

synonym: metal, alloy, copper

(1) **brass** section, (2) **brass** instruments

The **brass** band was performing at the parade.

determinant

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

synonym : cause, factor, element

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

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

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

propaganda

n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

synonym : disinformation, misinformation, publicity

(1) **propaganda** campaign, (2) self-serving **propaganda**

The government used **propaganda** pictures to spread its message of national unity.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers
A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

tarnish

v. to become dull or discolored from exposure to elements or from being damaged or neglected; to damage or detract from someone's reputation or image

synonym : mar, stain, blemish

(1) **tarnish** reputation, (2) **tarnish** brass

Leaving the silver in the open air caused it to **tarnish** and lose its shine.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym : decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

refine

v. to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development

synonym : purify, process, improve

(1) **refine** oil, (2) **refine** a language

The company is working to **refine** its production process to be more efficient.

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.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym : revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ind_____al freedom | <i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group |
| 2. ta_____h brass | <i>v.</i> to become dull or discolored from exposure to elements or from being damaged or neglected; to damage or detract from someone's reputation or image |
| 3. be____d the sunrise | <i>v.</i> to look at and observe with attention |
| 4. di____e the cake into two pieces | <i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups |
| 5. bi__d robot | <i>n.</i> an animal with two feet |
| 6. am__d a law | <i>v.</i> to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it |
| 7. mil_____um bottle of wine | <i>n.</i> a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia) |
| 8. a mi_____ry leader | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare |
| 9. source of ins_____on | <i>n.</i> something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity |
| 10. re____e a language | <i>v.</i> to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development |

ANSWERS: 1. individual, 2. tarnish, 3. behold, 4. divide, 5. biped, 6. amend, 7. millennium, 8. military, 9. inspiration, 10. refine

11. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
12. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
13. li__n to a bird *v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
14. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
15. har_____us relationship *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
16. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
17. am__d his writing *v.* to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it
18. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
19. self-serving pro_____da *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
20. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

ANSWERS: 11. medicinal, 12. influence, 13. liken, 14. military, 15. harmonious, 16. modern, 17. amend, 18. prototype, 19. propaganda, 20. millennium

21. mi_____d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
22. unc_____ng laws *adj.* not changing or subject to change; constant
23. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
24. v_x my mind *v.* to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation
25. har_____us blend *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
26. pl__k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
27. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
28. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
29. fea_____ss bird *adj.* devoid of feathers, or with few or inadequate feathers; often used metaphorically to describe something or someone that lacks the usual characteristics or qualities associated with it
30. pro_____da campaign *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

ANSWERS: 21. mislead, 22. unchanging, 23. divide, 24. vex, 25. harmonious, 26. pluck, 27. convince, 28. navigate, 29. featherless, 30. propaganda

31. st___e hard to get *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
32. inc_____ent with the roadmap *adj.* not remaining constant or in agreement
33. an_____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
34. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
35. great the_____ans *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
36. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
37. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
38. ar___e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
39. mi_____e of emotions *n.* a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties
40. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
41. fo_____te citation *n.* a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text

ANSWERS: 31. strive, 32. inconsistent, 33. announce, 34. modern, 35. theologian, 36. ancient, 37. contemplate, 38. argue, 39. mixture, 40. influence, 41. footnote

42. l__p in the throat *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
43. v_x me all night *v.* to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation
44. a ru____n of local events *n.* a brief or summary account of something, usually presented in a list or sequence; a state of disrepair or neglect; (adjective) of or relating to a physical object, typically a building or area, which has not been well-maintained and is in a state of disrepair or decay
45. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
46. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
47. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
48. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
49. es_____e an idea *v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry
50. perfect ut___a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
51. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 42. lump, 43. vex, 44. rundown, 45. instruction, 46. contemporary, 47. cynical, 48. imperfectly, 49. espouse, 50. utopia, 51. philosophy

52. asset on the company's ba____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
53. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
54. co____se a large percentage *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
55. Swedish the_____an *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
56. pl____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
57. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
58. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
59. single l__p sum *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
60. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
61. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
62. co____se the recent past *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

ANSWERS: 52. balance, 53. instruction, 54. comprise, 55. theologian, 56. platonic, 57. structure, 58. inspiration, 59. lump, 60. contemporary, 61. womb, 62. comprise

63. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
64. inc____ent results *adj.* not remaining constant or in agreement
65. no__e gas *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
66. hu____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
67. a precise def____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
68. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
69. a ut____a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
70. even more unf____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
71. pr____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
72. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
73. the def____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
74. dis____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

ANSWERS: 63. ultimate, 64. inconsistent, 65. noble, 66. humankind, 67. definition, 68. pluck, 69. utopia, 70. unfortunately, 71. propose, 72. concept, 73. definition, 74. disconnect

75. a featherless bi__d *n.* an animal with two feet
76. mi____d the enemy *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
77. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
78. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
79. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
80. the re____ic of art *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
81. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
82. complete a pr____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
83. a private ind____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
84. an inf____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
85. a det____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 75. biped, 76. mislead, 77. wander, 78. reject, 79. annoy, 80. republic, 81. annoy, 82. prototype, 83. individual, 84. influential, 85. determinant

86. ta____h reputation *v.* to become dull or discolored from exposure to elements or from being damaged or neglected; to damage or detract from someone's reputation or image
87. re____t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
88. br__s section *n.* a metal alloy of copper and zinc; a yellowish color; a group of wind instruments made of brass
89. cy____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
90. supreme court ru____g *n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation
91. wa____r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
92. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
93. ru____n building *n.* a brief or summary account of something, usually presented in a list or sequence; a state of disrepair or neglect; (adjective) of or relating to a physical object, typically a building or area, which has not been well-maintained and is in a state of disrepair or decay

ANSWERS: 86. tarnish, 87. reject, 88. brass, 89. cynical, 90. ruling, 91. wander, 92. creditor, 93. rundown

94. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
95. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
96. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
97. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
98. al__e in nature *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
99. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
100. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
101. add a fo_____te *n.* a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text
102. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 94. determinant, 95. philosophy, 96. convince, 97. dictator, 98. alike, 99. ancient, 100. situ, 101. footnote, 102. contemplate

103. w__b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
104. fea_____ss chicken *adj.* devoid of feathers, or with few or inadequate feathers; often used metaphorically to describe something or someone that lacks the usual characteristics or qualities associated with it
105. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
106. li__n to a flower *v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
107. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
108. pl_____ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
109. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
110. a joy to be___d *v.* to look at and observe with attention
111. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
112. st___e for excellence *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

ANSWERS: 103. womb, 104. featherless, 105. craft, 106. liken, 107. dictator, 108. platonic, 109. situ, 110. behold, 111. unfortunately, 112. strive

113. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
114. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
115. legal ru___g *n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation
116. aspiring scr_____ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
117. young and old al__e *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
118. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
119. br__s instruments *n.* a metal alloy of copper and zinc; a yellowish color; a group of wind instruments made of brass
120. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
121. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
122. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 113. imperfectly, 114. craft, 115. ruling, 116. screenwriter, 117. alike, 118. structure, 119. brass, 120. disconnect, 121. concept, 122. propose

123. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
124. history of hu_____nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
125. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
126. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
127. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
128. perfect mi_____e *n.* a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties
129. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
130. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
131. re_____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
132. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 123. navigate, 124. humankind, 125. announce, 126. ultimate, 127. argue, 128. mixture, 129. balance, 130. edit, 131. republic, 132. creditor

133. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
134. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
135. es_____e a cause *v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry
136. re____e oil *v.* to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development
137. experienced scr_____ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
138. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
139. a no__e family *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
140. rigidly unc_____ng *adj.* not changing or subject to change; constant

ANSWERS: 133. medicinal, 134. influential, 135. espouse, 136. refine, 137. screenwriter, 138. edit, 139. noble, 140. unchanging

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His relationship with her was completely _____.
adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
2. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
3. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.
adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something
4. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
5. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
6. Our troops pulled back to _____ the enemy.
v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true
7. Some people _____ meditation to a mental shower, refreshing and rejuvenating the mind.
v. to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
8. The United States is a federal presidential constitutional _____.
n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

ANSWERS: 1. platonic, 2. creditor, 3. influential, 4. concept, 5. determinant, 6. mislead, 7. liken, 8. republic

9. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
10. The team _____ players from different countries.
v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
11. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
12. There is a small _____ on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.
n. a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
13. The loud noise from the construction site was starting to _____ the nearby residents.
v. to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation
14. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
15. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
16. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 9. propose, 10. comprises, 11. individual, 12. lump, 13. vex, 14. situ, 15. argue, 16. convince

17. The _____ nature of the mountain range was a source of constant wonder for the hikers.
adj. not changing or subject to change; constant
18. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.
adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
19. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
20. The painting's _____ composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.
adj. characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
21. His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to _____.
v. to look at and observe with attention
22. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
v. to make something known or officially inform people about something
23. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
24. I included a _____ in my essay to provide additional information and sources for my argument.
n. a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text

ANSWERS: 17. unchanging, 18. cynical, 19. structure, 20. harmonious, 21. behold, 22. announced, 23. utopia, 24. footnote

25. The government used _____ pictures to spread its message of national unity.
- n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
26. Leaving the silver in the open air caused it to _____ and lose its shine.
- v.* to become dull or discolored from exposure to elements or from being damaged or neglected; to damage or detract from someone's reputation or image
27. The boss gave us a quick _____ of the new project during the meeting.
- n.* a brief or summary account of something, usually presented in a list or sequence; a state of disrepair or neglect; (adjective) of or relating to a physical object, typically a building or area, which has not been well-maintained and is in a state of disrepair or decay
28. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
29. Death gets more than its share of attention from _____.
- n.* an expert or student who studies theology
30. She _____ the flowers off the bush.
- v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
31. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 25. propaganda, 26. tarnish, 27. rundown, 28. dictator, 29. theologians, 30. plucked, 31. military

32. Ethics is a branch of _____.

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

33. 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

34. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.

- v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

35. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the _____.

- n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

36. Our world is in the third _____.

- n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

37. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

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

38. 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

39. The _____ band was performing at the parade.

- n.* a metal alloy of copper and zinc; a yellowish color; a group of wind instruments made of brass

ANSWERS: 32. philosophy, 33. amend, 34. navigate, 35. womb, 36. millennium, 37. divide, 38. influence, 39. brass

40. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.
v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
41. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
42. The movie's success was largely attributed to the _____ cleverly written script.
n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
43. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
adj. belonging to the same or present time
44. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
45. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
46. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
47. _____ walking encouraged the further evolution of humankind.
n. an animal with two feet

ANSWERS: 40. disconnect, 41. prototype, 42. screenwriter's, 43. Contemporary, 44. rejected, 45. ancient, 46. unfortunately, 47. Biped

48. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.

- v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

49. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.

- n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

50. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.

- n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

51. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

52. She _____ the philosophy of non-violence.

- v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry

53. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.

- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

54. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

- v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

55. The judge's _____ was in favor of the defendant.

- n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

ANSWERS: 48. edit, 49. craft, 50. instruction, 51. medicinal, 52. espoused, 53. inspiration, 54. wander, 55. ruling

56. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

57. He is a _____ man

adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

58. The company is working to _____ its production process to be more efficient.

v. to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development

59. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

60. This lawsuit appears to be unfair and _____.

adj. not remaining constant or in agreement

61. He created an _____ shaped torso.

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

62. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

63. The two paintings looked _____ as if the same artist had done them.

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

64. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

ANSWERS: 56. modern, 57. noble-minded, 58. refine, 59. definition, 60. inconsistent, 61. imperfectly, 62. humankind, 63. alike, 64. annoy

65. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

- v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

66. They _____ to make their dream come true.

- v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

67. The bald eagle's _____ head distinguishes it from other birds of prey.

- adj.* devoid of feathers, or with few or inadequate feathers; often used metaphorically to describe something or someone that lacks the usual characteristics or qualities associated with it

68. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

69. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

70. The paint was a _____ of different pigments to achieve the desired color.

- n.* a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties

ANSWERS: 65. contemplated, 66. strived, 67. featherless, 68. balance, 69. ultimate, 70. mixture