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Session 1: Word List

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

equivocation

n. the act of intentionally using ambiguous language or expressions to mislead or avoid giving a direct answer; a deliberate use of vague or unclear language to deceive or confuse

synonym: inscrutability, doubletalk, ambiguity

(1) political **equivocation**, (2) moral **equivocation**

His **equivocation** during the interview raised suspicions about his honesty.

misinterpretation

n. a mistake or error in understanding or explaining something; the act of interpreting incorrectly; an incorrect interpretation

synonym: misunderstanding, mistake, misreading

(1) **misinterpretation** of data, (2) **misinterpretation** of signals

The news article's **misinterpretation** of the study's findings confused readers

scripture

n. the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings

synonym: religious text, Bible, holy writ

(1) **scripture** study, (2) biblical **scripture**

Many people find comfort in reading **scripture** during times of hardship.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

misinterpret

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way

synonym: misunderstand, falsify, misconstrue

(1) **misinterpret** the purpose, (2) **misinterpret** the data

He **misinterpreted** her statement and got the wrong idea.

ascendant

n. a person's ancestor; the predecessor or originator of something; rising or dominant; in astrology, the zodiacal sign or house that is on the horizon at a particular time and place

synonym: dominant, rising, antecedent

(1) technological **ascendant** trends, (2) **ascendant** sign

The **ascendant** leader of the political party promises to bring change to the country.

synagogue

n. (also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of

administrative offices

synonym: temple, shul, tabernacle

(1) reconstructed **synagogue**, (2) historical **synagogue**

We attended services at the local **synagogue** during the High Holidays.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

relegate

v. to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

synonym: demote, assign, transfer

(1) **relegate** a matter to another authority, (2) **relegate** task

The underperforming team was **relegated** to a lower division.

subservient

adj. willing to obey or serve someone else without question or complaint; excessively obedient or submissive

synonym: submissive, compliant, obedient

(1) **subservient** relationship, (2) **subservient** role

Her **subservient** attitude made it easy for her boss to take advantage of her.

edict

n. an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation

synonym: decree, order, command

(1) religious **edict**, (2) royal **edict**

The **edict** issued by the king had to be obeyed by all his subjects.

deacon

n. in some Christian denominations, an ordained minister ranks below a priest; a layperson chosen to assist and support a priest or pastor in their religious duties, often involved in serving the community and performing charitable acts

synonym : minister, clergyman, priest

(1) **deacon** robe, (2) newly appointed **deacon**

The **deacon's** role in our church primarily focuses on outreach and charity work.

chaplain

n. a member of the clergy or religious community who is employed to provide spiritual guidance, counseling, or support to a particular group, such as a hospital or military unit; a person who performs religious ceremonies or rites, particularly within a non-denominational or multi-faith setting

synonym : spiritual leader, minister, priest

(1) college **chaplain**, (2) military **chaplain**

The hospital **chaplain** provided emotional support and spiritual guidance to the patients and their families.

seminary

n. an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning

synonym : school, academy, college

(1) theological **seminary**, (2) college **seminary**

He enrolled in the **seminary** to study theology and become a minister.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

synonym : exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

blight

v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease

resulting in withering without rotting

synonym : devastate, ruin, decimate

(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop

The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

threefold

adj. three times as great or as many

synonym : three, triple, three times

(1) rise nearly **threefold**, (2) **threefold** increase

The price of the item was reduced **threefold** after the sale.

convict

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

synonym : condemn, sentence, judge

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

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

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.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym : reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

mutilation

n. the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured

synonym : disfigurement, dismemberment, amputation

(1) **mutilation** crime, (2) physical **mutilation**

The **mutilation** of the artwork was a devastating loss for the artist.

razor

n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair

synonym : blade, shaver, cutter

(1) **razor** blade, (2) an electric **razor**

He shaved with a **razor** to get a close shave.

sterilize

v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

synonym : disinfect, sanitize, cleanse

(1) **sterilize** chemically, (2) **sterilize** surfaces

The nurse **sterilized** the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

menstruate

v. to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus

synonym : period, menstruation, menarche

(1) **menstruate** regularly, (2) failure to **menstruate**

The teenage girl began to **menstruate** last month.

mutilate

v. to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably

synonym : maim, disfigure, deform

(1) **mutilate** a document, (2) **mutilate** a body

It is cruel for anyone to **mutilate** an animal for any reason.

affliction

n. a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

synonym : anguish, distress, suffering

(1) mental **affliction**, (2) autoimmune **affliction**

Chronic pain can be a debilitating **affliction** that affects every aspect of one's life.

disgrace

n. a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something

synonym : shame, dishonor, humiliation

(1) **disgrace** our family name, (2) political **disgrace**

The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a **disgrace** to their leadership

perpetrate

v. to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation

synonym : commit, perform, execute

(1) **perpetrate** harassment, (2) **perpetrate** a fraud

The criminal decided to **perpetrate** another robbery despite his previous arrest.

hemisphere

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

brothel

n. (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution

synonym : bagnio, bordello, whorehouse

(1) illegal **brothel**, (2) underground **brothel**

The police raided the **brothel** in the red-light district and arrested all the prostitutes and customers.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym : charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

pimp

n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

synonym : pandar, procurer, hustler

(1) **pimp** lifestyle, (2) **pimp** culture

The lazy **pimp** controlled and exploited the women working for him.

battalion

n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

synonym : unit, regiment, squad

(1) infantry **battalion**, (2) armored **battalion**

The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained **battalion**.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym : criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

impunity

n. exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability

synonym: immunity, exemption

(1) act with **impunity**, (2) enjoy **impunity**

The criminal was able to escape with **impunity**, despite committing multiple offenses.

warlike

adj. characterized by a tendency toward or readiness for war or aggression; belligerent or hostile in manner

synonym: martial, bellicose, combative

(1) **warlike** behavior, (2) **warlike** language

The **warlike** imagery depicted on the temple walls was meant to inspire warriors to fight bravely.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

forceful

adj. having or showing great strength or energy

synonym: powerful, strong, energetic

(1) **forceful** argument, (2) take **forceful** action

She spoke with a **forceful** tone and made her point clear.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

plight

n. a difficult or unfortunate situation

synonym: crisis, predicament, trouble

(1) miserable **plight**, (2) the **plight** of the poor

The government has ignored the **plight** of the homeless population.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sub_____nt relationship
adj. willing to obey or serve someone else without question or complaint; excessively obedient or submissive
2. miserable pl____t
n. a difficult or unfortunate situation
3. co____t in a jail
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
4. vi____er community
n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
5. local vi____er
n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
6. religious ed____t
n. an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation
7. wa____e language
adj. characterized by a tendency toward or readiness for war or aggression; belligerent or hostile in manner
8. political equ_____ion
n. the act of intentionally using ambiguous language or expressions to mislead or avoid giving a direct answer; a deliberate use of vague or unclear language to deceive or confuse
9. de____n robe
n. in some Christian denominations, an ordained minister ranks below a priest; a layperson chosen to assist and support a priest or pastor in their religious duties, often involved in serving the community and performing charitable acts

ANSWERS: 1. subservient, 2. plight, 3. convict, 4. villager, 5. villager, 6. edict, 7. warlike, 8. equivocation, 9. deacon

10. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
11. sc_____re study *n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
12. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
13. cerebral hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
14. historical sy_____ue *n.* (also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
15. the sacred mo_____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
16. moral equ_____ion *n.* the act of intentionally using ambiguous language or expressions to mislead or avoid giving a direct answer; a deliberate use of vague or unclear language to deceive or confuse
17. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
18. biblical sc_____re *n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings

ANSWERS: 10. grandchild, 11. scripture, 12. drone, 13. hemisphere, 14. synagogue, 15. mosque, 16. equivocation, 17. helpless, 18. scripture

19. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
20. mis_____ret the data *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
21. per_____te harassment *v.* to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation
22. mu_____te a body *v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
23. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
24. st_____ze chemically *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
25. fo_____ul argument *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
26. ge_____l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
27. ex__t influence *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
28. wa_____e behavior *adj.* characterized by a tendency toward or readiness for war or aggression; belligerent or hostile in manner
29. mut_____on crime *n.* the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured

ANSWERS: 19. confer, 20. misinterpret, 21. perpetrate, 22. mutilate, 23. pervasive, 24. sterilize, 25. forceful, 26. genital, 27. exert, 28. warlike, 29. mutilation

30. as_____nt sign *n.* a person's ancestor; the predecessor or originator of something; rising or dominant; in astrology, the zodiacal sign or house that is on the horizon at a particular time and place
31. mental aff_____on *n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief
32. take fo_____ul action *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
33. physical mut_____on *n.* the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured
34. technological as_____nt trends *n.* a person's ancestor; the predecessor or originator of something; rising or dominant; in astrology, the zodiacal sign or house that is on the horizon at a particular time and place
35. per_____te a fraud *v.* to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation
36. the pl____t of the poor *n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
37. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 30. ascendant, 31. affliction, 32. forceful, 33. mutilation, 34. ascendant, 35. perpetrate, 36. plight, 37. drone

38. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
39. northern hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
40. ab_____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
41. p__p lifestyle *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
42. an electric ra__r *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
43. college ch_____in *n.* a member of the clergy or religious community who is employed to provide spiritual guidance, counseling, or support to a particular group, such as a hospital or military unit; a person who performs religious ceremonies or rites, particularly within a non-denominational or multi-faith setting
44. mis_____ion of data *n.* a mistake or error in understanding or explaining something; the act of interpreting incorrectly; an incorrect interpretation
45. enjoy im_____ty *n.* exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability
46. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

ANSWERS: 38. sew, 39. hemisphere, 40. abolish, 41. pimp, 42. razor, 43. chaplain, 44. misinterpretation, 45. impunity, 46. pervasive

47. mis_____ion of signals *n.* a mistake or error in understanding or explaining something; the act of interpreting incorrectly; an incorrect interpretation
48. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
49. pain in the ge____l area *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
50. college se____ry *n.* an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning
51. theological se____ry *n.* an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning
52. act with im____ty *n.* exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability
53. royal ed__t *n.* an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation
54. armored ba_____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
55. illegal br____l *n.* (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution

ANSWERS: 47. misinterpretation, 48. mosque, 49. genital, 50. seminary, 51. seminary, 52. impunity, 53. edict, 54. battalion, 55. brothel

56. sub_____nt role *adj.* willing to obey or serve someone else without question or complaint; excessively obedient or submissive
57. underground br_____l *n.* (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution
58. rise nearly th_____ld *adj.* three times as great or as many
59. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
60. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
61. infantry ba_____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
62. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
63. autoimmune aff_____on *n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief
64. mu_____te a document *v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
65. co_____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

ANSWERS: 56. subservient, 57. brothel, 58. threefold, 59. helpless, 60. grandchild, 61. battalion, 62. prostitute, 63. affliction, 64. mutilate, 65. convict

66. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
67. reconstructed sy_____ue *n.* (also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
68. ra__r blade *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
69. st_____ze surfaces *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
70. military ch_____in *n.* a member of the clergy or religious community who is employed to provide spiritual guidance, counseling, or support to a particular group, such as a hospital or military unit; a person who performs religious ceremonies or rites, particularly within a non-denominational or multi-faith setting
71. newly appointed de___n *n.* in some Christian denominations, an ordained minister ranks below a priest; a layperson chosen to assist and support a priest or pastor in their religious duties, often involved in serving the community and performing charitable acts
72. failure to men_____te *v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus

ANSWERS: 66. condemn, 67. synagogue, 68. razor, 69. sterilize, 70. chaplain, 71. deacon, 72. menstruate

73. political di____ce *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
74. p__p culture *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
75. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
76. bl____t a crop *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
77. bl____t his life *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
78. a male pro____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
79. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
80. th____ld increase *adj.* three times as great or as many

ANSWERS: 73. disgrace, 74. pimp, 75. confer, 76. blight, 77. blight, 78. prostitute, 79. sew, 80. threefold

81. re_____te task *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
82. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
83. di_____ce our family name *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
84. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
85. mis_____ret the purpose *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
86. ab_____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
87. men_____te regularly *v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus
88. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
89. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
90. re_____te a matter to another authority *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
91. te_____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

ANSWERS: 81. relegate, 82. testament, 83. disgrace, 84. exert, 85. misinterpret, 86. abolish, 87. menstruate, 88. prosecute, 89. condemn, 90. relegate, 91. testament

92. pr_____te criminal

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

ANSWERS: 92. prosecute

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His wealth is a _____ to his success.
n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
2. The _____ leader of the political party promises to bring change to the country.
n. a person's ancestor; the predecessor or originator of something; rising or dominant; in astrology, the zodiacal sign or house that is on the horizon at a particular time and place
3. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.
n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
4. The _____ of the artwork was a devastating loss for the artist.
n. the act of severely damaging or injuring a person's body or body part, particularly through cutting or disfiguring; the condition of being so damaged or disfigured
5. I feel so _____ without you.
adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
6. The government has ignored the _____ of the homeless population.
n. a difficult or unfortunate situation
7. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.
v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

ANSWERS: 1. testament, 2. ascendant, 3. Mosque, 4. mutilation, 5. helpless, 6. plight, 7. abolish

8. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
- v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
9. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
- n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
10. His _____ during the interview raised suspicions about his honesty.
- n. the act of intentionally using ambiguous language or expressions to mislead or avoid giving a direct answer; a deliberate use of vague or unclear language to deceive or confuse
11. The hospital _____ provided emotional support and spiritual guidance to the patients and their families.
- n. a member of the clergy or religious community who is employed to provide spiritual guidance, counseling, or support to a particular group, such as a hospital or military unit; a person who performs religious ceremonies or rites, particularly within a non-denominational or multi-faith setting
12. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
- v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
13. The attorney decided to _____ the suspect for stealing from the store.
- v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
14. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 8. convicted, 9. drone, 10. equivocation, 11. chaplain, 12. condemned, 13. prosecute, 14. confer

15. The _____ imagery depicted on the temple walls was meant to inspire warriors to fight bravely.

adj. characterized by a tendency toward or readiness for war or aggression; belligerent or hostile in manner

16. Her _____ attitude made it easy for her boss to take advantage of her.

adj. willing to obey or serve someone else without question or complaint; excessively obedient or submissive

17. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

18. This weather pattern is unique to the southern _____.

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

19. The criminal decided to _____ another robbery despite his previous arrest.

v. to commit or carry out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception; to be responsible for the creation or continuation of a negative situation

20. The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained _____.

n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

21. It is cruel for anyone to _____ an animal for any reason.

v. to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably

22. He _____ her statement and got the wrong idea.

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way

ANSWERS: 15. warlike, 16. subservient, 17. prostitute, 18. hemisphere, 19. perpetrate, 20. battalion, 21. mutilate, 22. misinterpreted

23. My mother taught me how to ____.

- v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

24. The underperforming team was _____ to a lower division.

- v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

25. Chronic pain can be a debilitating _____ that affects every aspect of one's life.

- n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

26. The _____ issued by the king had to be obeyed by all his subjects.

- n.* an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation

27. She spoke with a _____ tone and made her point clear.

- adj.* having or showing great strength or energy

28. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.

- adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

29. The criminal was able to escape with _____ despite committing multiple offenses.

- n.* exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability

30. The price of the item was reduced _____ after the sale.

- adj.* three times as great or as many

ANSWERS: 23. sew, 24. relegated, 25. affliction, 26. edict, 27. forceful, 28. pervasive, 29. impunity, 30. threefold

31. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.
- n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
32. He enrolled in the _____ to study theology and become a minister.
- n.* an educational institution, typically for the training of candidates for the priesthood or ministry; a school for higher learning
33. The news article's _____ of the study's findings confused readers
- n.* a mistake or error in understanding or explaining something; the act of interpreting incorrectly; an incorrect interpretation
34. Many people find comfort in reading _____ during times of hardship.
- n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
35. He shaved with a _____ to get a close shave.
- n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
36. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
- n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
37. The police raided the _____ in the red-light district and arrested all the prostitutes and customers.
- n.* (also "whorehouse") a place where people, particularly women, engage in sexual activity for payment; a house of prostitution
38. He _____ himself to lift the heavyweight.
- v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

ANSWERS: 31. villagers, 32. seminary, 33. misinterpretation, 34. scripture, 35. razor, 36. grandchild, 37. brothel, 38. exerted

39. The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a _____ to their leadership
- n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
40. We attended services at the local _____ during the High Holidays.
- n.* (also "shul") a Jewish house of worship, typically consisting of a hall for prayer and study and often containing a sanctuary, a social hall, and a collection of administrative offices
41. The nurse _____ the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.
- v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
42. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.
- adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
43. The abandoned factory was _____ by vandalism and graffiti.
- v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
44. The teenage girl began to _____ last month.
- v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus
45. The lazy _____ controlled and exploited the women working for him.
- n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

ANSWERS: 39. disgrace, 40. synagogue, 41. sterilized, 42. genital, 43. blighted, 44. menstruate, 45. pimp

46. The _____ role in our church primarily focuses on outreach and charity work.
- n.* in some Christian denominations, an ordained minister ranks below a priest; a layperson chosen to assist and support a priest or pastor in their religious duties, often involved in serving the community and performing charitable acts

ANSWERS: 46. deacon's