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Session 1: Word List

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

ample

adj. enough or more than enough; having plenty of something

synonym : plentiful, rich, sufficient

(1) **ample** opportunities, (2) **ample** evidence

We have **ample** time to finish the project before the deadline.

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.

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.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym: border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

exposition

n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

synonym: explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**
The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class
The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**
Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym: instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards
The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

dropout

n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

synonym: noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

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.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

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.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

reflex

n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

synonym: reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym: go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

suburb

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

synonym: outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in the city.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

naughty

adj. badly behaved; disobedient

synonym: disobedient, mischievous, impish

(1) **naughty** behavior, (2) **naughty** book

The child was being **naughty** and would not listen to his mother.

routine

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

synonym: habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**
She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

belittle

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect

synonym: degrade, demean, disparage

(1) **belittle** his ability, (2) **belittle** through talk

He **belittled** her in front of the office, making her feel small and insignificant.

eager

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

synonym: keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

secular

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
synonym: nonreligious, materialistic, temporal

(1) **secular** trends, (2) normal **secular** life

The school was founded as a **secular** institution with no religious affiliations.

bioengineering

n. the application of engineering principles to the design and production of biological systems and products

synonym: biomedical engineering, genetic engineering, biotechnology

(1) **bioengineering** field, (2) **bioengineering** techniques

The **bioengineering** lab has state-of-the-art equipment and software for analyzing biological systems and designing new solutions.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

treasure

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

synonym: hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

bacteria

n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

synonym: microorganism, microbe

(1) pathogenic **bacteria**, (2) harmless **bacteria**

Bacteria prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

fundamentalist

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

synonym: extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**

He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

obstacle

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

synonym: hindrance, barrier, block

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

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

divorce

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

synonym: separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of marriage.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym: overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

conviction

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

synonym: belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. moral con_____on | <i>n.</i> a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed |
| 2. re_____on sociology | <i>n.</i> a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny |
| 3. ind_____nce ceremony | <i>n.</i> freedom from another's or others' control or influence |
| 4. co_____ce her to go with us | <i>v.</i> to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true |
| 5. bio_____ing techniques | <i>n.</i> the application of engineering principles to the design and production of biological systems and products |
| 6. the dr_____t rate | <i>n.</i> a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it |
| 7. ea__r anticipation | <i>adj.</i> showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something |
| 8. meet with opp_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement |
| 9. th_____en a healthy relationship | <i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone |
| 10. de___e a question | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 11. 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. conviction, 2. religion, 3. independence, 4. convince, 5. bioengineering, 6. dropout, 7. eager, 8. opposition, 9. threaten, 10. decide, 11. inspiration

12. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
13. a built-in diagnostic ro_____e *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
14. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
15. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
16. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
17. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
18. dr_____t student *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
19. pu____e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
20. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
21. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
22. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
23. computer-ill_____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

ANSWERS: 12. initially, 13. routine, 14. communal, 15. illiterate, 16. mindset, 17. attend, 18. dropout, 19. pursue, 20. religion, 21. independence, 22. enslave, 23. illiterate

24. re___x test *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
25. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
26. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
27. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
28. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
29. be___le through talk *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
30. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
31. information ba___r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
32. ec___y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
33. political fun_____ist *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

ANSWERS: 24. reflex, 25. educational, 26. reform, 27. overwhelming, 28. overwhelming, 29. belittle, 30. participate, 31. barrier, 32. economy, 33. fundamentalist

34. su___b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
35. at___d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
36. pathogenic ba____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
37. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
38. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
39. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
40. 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
41. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
42. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 34. suburb, 35. attend, 36. bacteria, 37. motivation, 38. threaten, 39. struggle, 40. develop, 41. influence, 42. convince

43. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
44. con_____on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
45. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
46. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
47. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
48. na_____y behavior *adj.* badly behaved; disobedient
49. 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
50. su____b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

ANSWERS: 43. conservative, 44. conviction, 45. inspire, 46. photograph, 47. discovery, 48. naughty, 49. develop, 50. suburb

51. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
52. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
53. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
54. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
55. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
56. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
57. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
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

ANSWERS: 51. opposition, 52. economy, 53. discovery, 54. refer, 55. influence, 56. initially, 57. photograph, 58. inspiration

59. ov____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
60. cost ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
61. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
62. a political rev____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
63. pu____e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
64. tre____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
65. economic re____m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
66. re____d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
67. en____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
68. col____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

ANSWERS: 59. overcome, 60. barrier, 61. communal, 62. revolution, 63. pursue, 64. tremendous, 65. reform, 66. regard, 67. enslave, 68. collaborate

69. ob____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
70. na____y book *adj.* badly behaved; disobedient
71. in____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
72. flexible mi____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
73. col____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
74. ov____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
75. an international exp____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
76. mo____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
77. con____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
78. am__e opportunities *adj.* enough or more than enough; having plenty of something
79. be____le his ability *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect

ANSWERS: 69. obstacle, 70. naughty, 71. inspire, 72. mindset, 73. collaborate, 74. overcome, 75. exposition, 76. motivate, 77. conservative, 78. ample, 79. belittle

80. am__e evidence *adj.* enough or more than enough; having plenty of something
81. all ability to mo____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
82. tr____re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
83. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
84. di____e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
85. rational exp____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
86. fun_____ist church *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
87. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
88. an ob____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
89. knee re___x *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
90. understand his mot____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
91. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something

ANSWERS: 80. ample, 81. motivate, 82. treasure, 83. grant, 84. divorce, 85. exposition, 86. fundamentalist, 87. educational, 88. obstacle, 89. reflex, 90. motivation, 91. participate

92. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
93. tr_____re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
94. normal se_____r life *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
95. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
96. re____d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
97. a consensual di_____e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
98. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
99. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
100. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
101. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
102. ro_____e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
103. harmless ba_____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

ANSWERS: 92. struggle, 93. treasure, 94. secular, 95. tremendous, 96. regard, 97. divorce, 98. refer, 99. grant, 100. revolution, 101. poverty, 102. routine, 103. bacteria

104. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
105. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
106. se____r trends *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
107. with ea__r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
108. bio_____ing field *n.* the application of engineering principles to the design and production of biological systems and products

ANSWERS: 104. decide, 105. poverty, 106. secular, 107. eager, 108. bioengineering

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
 - n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
2. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
 - n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
3. The children were _____ to start the treasure hunt.
 - adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
4. My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the _____ hammer.
 - n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
5. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
 - v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
6. Her research team made an important _____.
 - n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
7. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
 - n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 1. mindset, 2. religion, 3. eager, 4. reflex, 5. refer, 6. discovery, 7. opposition

8. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
9. 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
10. We have _____ time to finish the project before the deadline.
adj. enough or more than enough; having plenty of something
11. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
12. She studies gardening on a _____ basis.
n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
13. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
14. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
15. We must _____ to this matter.
v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

ANSWERS: 8. Communal, 9. inspiration, 10. ample, 11. economy, 12. routine, 13. independence, 14. regarded, 15. attend

16. The couple decided to get a _____ after many years of marriage.
n. the legal dissolution of a marriage
17. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
18. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
19. Her beauty _____ me completely.
v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
20. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.
n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
21. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.
adv. at the beginning; at first
22. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
23. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
24. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.
adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

ANSWERS: 16. divorce, 17. threatening, 18. convince, 19. enslaved, 20. suburbs, 21. initially, 22. struggle, 23. collaborate, 24. conservative

25. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
26. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
27. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
28. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.
adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
29. 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
30. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
31. The child was being _____ and would not listen to his mother.
adj. badly behaved; disobedient
32. The pirates searched for buried _____ in the dunes.
n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

ANSWERS: 25. decide, 26. barrier, 27. revolution, 28. overwhelming, 29. influence, 30. granted, 31. naughty, 32. treasure

33. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
- v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
34. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v. to take part in something
35. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
36. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- 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
37. We had a _____ time yesterday.
- adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
38. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
39. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.
- adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

ANSWERS: 33. overcome, 34. participated, 35. photograph, 36. develop, 37. tremendous, 38. reform, 39. secular

40. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.
- v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
41. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
42. _____ prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.
- n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
43. He is a religious _____ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.
- n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
44. Despite attending school, he remained _____ and unable to read or write.
- adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
45. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.
- adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
46. He _____ her in front of the office, making her feel small and insignificant.
- v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
47. She intends to _____ a political career.
- v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 40. motivate, 41. inspired, 42. Bacteria, 43. fundamentalist, 44. illiterate, 45. educational, 46. belittled, 47. pursue

48. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
49. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
50. The high school _____ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.
n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
51. The _____ lab has state-of-the-art equipment and software for analyzing biological systems and designing new solutions.
n. the application of engineering principles to the design and production of biological systems and products
52. She spoke with _____ about the importance of education.
n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
53. The _____ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
54. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor

ANSWERS: 48. motivation, 49. obstacle, 50. dropout, 51. bioengineering, 52. conviction, 53. exposition, 54. poverty