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Session 1: Word List

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

oppressive

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

synonym: stifling, overwhelming, depressing

(1) the atmosphere was **oppressive**, (2) **oppressive**

governments

The political situation has become increasingly **oppressive**.

totalitarian

adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power

synonym : dictatorial, authoritarian, oppressive

(1) **totalitarian** ideology, (2) **totalitarian** state

The government was criticized for having a **totalitarian** regime.

government

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

synonym : administration, regime, state

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

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

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym : dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

convey

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

synonym : communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym : accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan
I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym: anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

ideology

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

synonym: credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

synonym: multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in many countries worldwide.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym : appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

overhead

n. the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky

synonym : expense, upkeep, (adverb) aloft

(1) **overhead** capital, (2) a cloud passing **overhead**

This merger will help them reduce **overhead** costs substantially.

inundate

v. to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something

synonym : flood, submerge, overwhelm

(1) **inundate** swaths of farmland, (2) **inundate** his entire body

The heavy rain **inundated** the low-lying areas and caused flooding.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

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.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

statistics

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

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

ministry

n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

synonym: department, agency, bureau

(1) **ministry** officials, (2) enter the **ministry**

The **ministry** of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

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.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym : hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym : torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

deliberate

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

synonym : intentional, planned, careful

(1) the **deliberate** act of provocation, (2) **deliberate** attempt

Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was **deliberate** about invasion.

irony

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym: damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

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.

regime

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

synonym: administration, establishment, government

(1) a puppet **regime**, (2) exercise **regime**

Totalitarian **regimes** are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

dialect

n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and

has distinguishing characteristics

synonym: accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**

The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

crude

adj. being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

synonym: unrefined, native, vulgar

(1) price of **crude** oil, (2) **crude** manners

His **crude** jokes made her angry.

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym: abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym: actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

noun

n. a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

(1) **noun** phrase, (2) proper **noun**

In some foreign languages, the gender of **nouns** exists.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym: fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

psyche

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

synonym: mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

hypnotic

adj. inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

synonym: soothing, soporific, slumberous

(1) mild **hypnotic**, (2) **hypnotic** effect
His voice had a **hypnotic** quality for me.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

dissonance

n. a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
synonym: conflict, disharmony, disagreement

(1) cognitive **dissonance**, (2) musical **dissonance**

The **dissonance** between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

disregard

v. to pay no attention to or to ignore someone or something

synonym: ignore, pay no attention to, overlook

(1) **disregard** for human rights, (2) **disregard** the rules

She **disregarded** all the warnings and proceeded with her dangerous plan.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

synonym : read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

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.

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.

privacy

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

synonym : seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**

This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

- viol** *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
synonym: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument
(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music
The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
- guilty** *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
synonym: culpable, blameworthy, at fault
(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict
After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.
- affair** *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
synonym: matter, incident, fling
(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**
Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.
- subversive** *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
synonym: incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel
(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature
The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.
- rebellion** *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt
(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**
The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

essay

n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

synonym: paper, commentary, report

(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**

The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with software.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

pretentious

adj. attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious

synonym: ostentatious, showy, pompous

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

The **pretentious** guest at the party talked endlessly about his expensive taste in wine.

atrocious

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

euphemism

n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing

synonym: mild expression, implication, circumlocution

(1) genteel **euphemism**, (2) a **euphemism** for death

The company used the **euphemism** "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.

convoluted

adj. extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand

synonym : intricate, complex, bending

(1) **convoluted** plot, (2) **convoluted** legal language

James Joyce's books are full of long, **convoluted** sentences.

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.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym : ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym : publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

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.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym : request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

soundbite

n. a short and memorable excerpt or snippet of speech or music, typically taken from a longer recording, presentation, or interview, often used in media to convey a concise message or key point

synonym : quote, snippet, excerpt

(1) media **soundbite**, (2) catchy **soundbite**

The politician delivered a powerful **soundbite** during the press conference, capturing media attention.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

ready-made

adj. (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work

synonym : pre-made, off-the-shelf, prefab

(1) **ready-made** templates, (2) **ready-made** curtains

I prefer using **ready-made** meals when short on time and don't feel like cooking from scratch.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

glean

v. to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products

synonym: cull, collect, extract

(1) **glean** important information, (2) **glean** the fields

He carefully interviewed the victims and tried to **glean** the details of the culprit.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

deceptive

adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

synonym: misleading, trickery, fraudulent

(1) **deceptive** practices, (2) appearances are **deceptive**

The politician's statements were found to be **deceptive** and not based on fact.

manipulative

adj. characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

synonym: maneuvering, calculating, shrewd

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

He was accused of being **manipulative** when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

surveillance

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

synonym : administration, overseeing, control

(1) he is kept under **surveillance**, (2) **surveillance** cameras

The novel contains a criticism of the **surveillance** society.

intrude

v. to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something

synonym : impose, obtrude, interlope

(1) **intrude** on his personal space, (2) **intrude** on other people's conversations

The loud music from the party next door **intruded** into my peaceful evening at home.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

dislike

v. to not like someone or something

synonym : disapprove, disfavor, deprecate

(1) **dislike** speaking in public, (2) **dislike** this kind of food

He seems to **dislike** all forms of exercise.

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

synonym : money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym: dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

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.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

slavery

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

synonym: bondage, servitude, enslavement

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
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5. in_____te his entire body *v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
6. institution of sl_____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
7. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

ANSWERS: 1. viol, 2. technique, 3. subversive, 4. threat, 5. inundate, 6. slavery, 7. concrete

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9. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
10. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
11. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
12. de____n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
13. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
14. a puppet re____e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
15. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
16. sl_____y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
17. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
18. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

ANSWERS: 8. perspective, 9. novel, 10. eliminate, 11. historic, 12. detain, 13. ultimate, 14. regime, 15. mass, 16. slavery, 17. authoritarian, 18. precise

19. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
20. tot_____ian ideology *adj.* of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
21. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
22. in_____e on his personal space *v.* to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something
23. ps___e healing *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
24. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
25. gu___y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
26. brutal ty_____y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
27. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
28. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
29. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 19. eliminate, 20. totalitarian, 21. importance, 22. intrude, 23. psyche, 24. military, 25. guilty, 26. tyranny, 27. necessarily, 28. assume, 29. warn

30. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
31. not nec____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
32. in____e on other people's conversations *v.* to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something
33. absolutely op____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
34. de____ve practices *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
35. cold-blooded at____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
36. the def____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
37. principles of de____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
38. l__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
39. keen per____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 30. obvious, 31. necessarily, 32. intrude, 33. opposed, 34. deceptive, 35. atrocity, 36. definition, 37. democracy, 38. loom, 39. perception

40. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
41. pro_____te weeds *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
42. exercise re____e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
43. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
44. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
45. proper n__n *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
46. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
47. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
48. 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
49. feel a bit gu___y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

ANSWERS: 40. cognitive, 41. proliferate, 42. regime, 43. torture, 44. government, 45. noun, 46. urge, 47. viol, 48. refer, 49. guilty

50. a co____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
51. the per____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
52. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
53. a pr____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
54. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
55. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
56. price of cr__e oil *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
57. self-serving pro____da *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
58. di____e speaking in public *v.* to not like someone or something
59. gl__n important information *v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
60. a cloud passing ov____ad *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky

ANSWERS: 50. concrete, 51. perspective, 52. military, 53. profound, 54. urge, 55. ultimate, 56. crude, 57. propaganda, 58. dislike, 59. glean, 60. overhead

61. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
62. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
63. pro_____da campaign *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
64. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
65. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
66. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
67. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
68. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
69. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
70. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 61. phrase, 62. encourage, 63. propaganda, 64. individual, 65. abuse, 66. obvious, 67. depict, 68. labor, 69. context, 70. torture

71. two op____d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
72. co____y goods by truck *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
73. enter the mi____ry *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
74. official sta____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
75. the te____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
76. aut____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
77. cor____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
78. trespass on a person's pr____y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
79. in____te swaths of farmland *v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
80. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 71. opposed, 72. convey, 73. ministry, 74. statistics, 75. technique, 76. authoritarian, 77. corruptible, 78. privacy, 79. inundate, 80. mass

81. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
82. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
83. 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
84. pre_____us behavior *adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
85. di_____e this kind of food *v.* to not like someone or something
86. catchy so_____te *n.* a short and memorable excerpt or snippet of speech or music, typically taken from a longer recording, presentation, or interview, often used in media to convey a concise message or key point
87. thoughtful es__y *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
88. media so_____te *n.* a short and memorable excerpt or snippet of speech or music, typically taken from a longer recording, presentation, or interview, often used in media to convey a concise message or key point
89. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

ANSWERS: 81. bury, 82. phrase, 83. structure, 84. pretentious, 85. dislike, 86. soundbite, 87. essay, 88. soundbite, 89. undermine

90. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
91. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
92. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
93. use an ac_____m *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
94. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
95. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
96. bitter ir__y *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
97. mi_____ry officials *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

ANSWERS: 90. basis, 91. importance, 92. labor, 93. acronym, 94. bury, 95. threat, 96. irony, 97. ministry

98. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
99. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
100. cu_____cy exchange *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
101. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
102. cognitive dis_____ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
103. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
104. a eu_____sm for death *n.* a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
105. co____y a complex idea *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
106. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
107. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
108. di_____e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

ANSWERS: 98. perception, 99. constant, 100. currency, 101. complexity, 102. dissonance, 103. manufacture, 104. euphemism, 105. convey, 106. individual, 107. interaction, 108. dictate

109. the id____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
110. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
111. improve co____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
112. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
113. 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
114. un____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
115. nu____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
116. a local di____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
117. com____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 109. ideology, 110. context, 111. cognitive, 112. compel, 113. refer, 114. undermine, 115. nuanced, 116. dialect, 117. communicate

118. mild hy_____ic *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
119. ty_____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
120. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
121. gl__n the fields *v.* to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products
122. the common but nu_____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
123. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
124. deep ps___e *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
125. cr___e manners *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
126. ir___y humor *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
127. l___m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
128. excite re_____on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

ANSWERS: 118. hypnotic, 119. tyranny, 120. communicate, 121. glean, 122. nuanced, 123. depict, 124. psyche, 125. crude, 126. irony, 127. loom, 128. rebellion

129. sub_____ve literature *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
130. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
131. pre_____us language *adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
132. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
133. sur_____nce cameras *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
134. ov_____ad capital *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
135. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 129. subversive, 130. complexity, 131. pretentious, 132. affair, 133. surveillance, 134. overhead, 135. process

136. score the SAT es__ys *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
137. political id____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
138. mu____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
139. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
140. minority di____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
141. di____rd the rules *v.* to pay no attention to or to ignore someone or something
142. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
143. de____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
144. man____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
145. draw out your ap___l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

ANSWERS: 136. essay, 137. ideology, 138. mundane, 139. historic, 140. dialect, 141. disregard, 142. assume, 143. democracy, 144. manufacture, 145. appeal

146. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
147. rea_____de curtains *adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
148. man_____ive language *adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner
149. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
150. tot_____ian state *adj.* of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
151. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
152. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
153. hy_____ic effect *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
154. re_____on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

ANSWERS: 146. craft, 147. ready-made, 148. manipulative, 149. compel, 150. totalitarian, 151. insight, 152. interaction, 153. hypnotic, 154. rebellion

155. di_____rd for human rights *v.* to pay no attention to or to ignore someone or something
156. the del_____te act of provocation *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
157. pr_____y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
158. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
159. mu_____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
160. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
161. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
162. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
163. genteel eu_____sm *n.* a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
164. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
165. the atmosphere was opp_____ve *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
166. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 155. disregard, 156. deliberate, 157. privacy, 158. definition, 159. mundane, 160. critic, 161. basis, 162. warn, 163. euphemism, 164. constant, 165. oppressive, 166. critic

167. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
168. man_____ive behavior *adj.* characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner
169. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
170. estimate pr____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
171. con_____ed legal language *adj.* extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
172. he is kept under sur_____nce *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
173. rea_____de templates *adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
174. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
175. opp_____ve governments *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
176. con_____ed plot *adj.* extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
177. de___n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

ANSWERS: 167. novel, 168. manipulative, 169. appeal, 170. precise, 171. convoluted, 172. surveillance, 173. ready-made, 174. craft, 175. oppressive, 176. convoluted, 177. detain

178. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
179. del_____te attempt *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
180. current af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
181. digital cu_____cy *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
182. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
183. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
184. di_____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
185. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
186. appearances are de_____ve *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
187. 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

ANSWERS: 178. government, 179. deliberate, 180. affair, 181. currency, 182. advertise, 183. corruptible, 184. dictate, 185. encourage, 186. deceptive, 187. structure

188. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
189. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
190. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
191. pro_____te cells *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
192. n__n phrase *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
193. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
194. musical dis_____ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
195. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 188. abuse, 189. statistics, 190. insight, 191. proliferate, 192. noun, 193. advertise, 194. dissonance, 195. process

196. ac____m definition *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
197. commit at____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
198. the pr____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 196. acronym, 197. atrocity, 198. profound

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
2. The number of COVID cases continued to _____ in many countries worldwide.
v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
3. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
4. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
5. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.
adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
6. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
7. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
8. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

ANSWERS: 1. bury, 2. proliferate, 3. manufactured, 4. context, 5. opposed, 6. importance, 7. depicted, 8. basis

9. James Joyce's books are full of long, _____ sentences.
adj. extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
10. RADAR is an _____ for radio detection and ranging.
n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
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. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
13. The Chief editor checks all _____ for plagiarism with software.
n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
14. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.
n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
15. In some foreign languages, the gender of _____ exists.
n. a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
16. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 9. convoluted, 10. acronym, 11. individual, 12. labor, 13. essays, 14. perception, 15. nouns, 16. torture

17. The _____ between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.
- n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
18. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.
- v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
19. The political situation has become increasingly _____.
- adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
20. I prefer using _____ meals when short on time and don't feel like cooking from scratch.
- adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
21. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
- adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
22. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
23. His voice had a _____ quality for me.
- adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
24. He seems to _____ all forms of exercise.
- v.* to not like someone or something

ANSWERS: 17. dissonance, 18. compel, 19. oppressive, 20. ready-made, 21. cognitive, 22. complexity, 23. hypnotic, 24. dislike

25. 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
26. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.
n. a system of money in general use in a particular country
27. She _____ all the warnings and proceeded with her dangerous plan.
v. to pay no attention to or to ignore someone or something
28. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
29. The ____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
30. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
31. The president asked for a more _____ plan.
adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
32. The artwork was criticized for its _____ theme that undermined religious beliefs.
adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 25. definition, 26. currency, 27. disregarded, 28. ultimate, 29. mass, 30. nuanced, 31. concrete, 32. subversive

33. His _____ jokes made her angry.

adj. being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

34. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

35. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

36. The allies _____ the terms of surrender to the country.

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

37. The heavy rain _____ the low-lying areas and caused flooding.

v. to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something

38. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

39. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

40. Totalitarian _____ are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

ANSWERS: 33. crude, 34. affair, 35. viol, 36. dictated, 37. inundated, 38. historic, 39. abuse, 40. regimes

41. 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
42. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her _____ and how to cope with her anxiety.
n. the human soul, mind, or spirit
43. The government was criticized for having a _____ regime.
adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
44. The _____ guest at the party talked endlessly about his expensive taste in wine.
adj. attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
45. 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
46. This merger will help them reduce _____ costs substantially.
n. the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
47. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.
n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
48. The loud music from the party next door _____ into my peaceful evening at home.
v. to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something

ANSWERS: 41. structure, 42. psyche, 43. totalitarian, 44. pretentious, 45. craft, 46. overhead, 47. ideology, 48. intruded

49. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

- v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

50. He was accused of being _____ when he lied to his friends to get what he wanted.

- adj. characterized by the use of shrewd, cunning, or deceptive tactics to control or influence others, often in a self-serving or unethical manner

51. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

- v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

52. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

- n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

53. The country was ruled by a _____ that oppressed its citizens.

- n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

54. He carefully interviewed the victims and tried to _____ the details of the culprit.

- v. to collect information, knowledge, etc., in small amounts and often with difficulty; to gather, as natural products

55. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

- n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

56. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

- v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 49. communicate, 50. manipulative, 51. warn, 52. interaction, 53. tyranny, 54. glean, 55. critics, 56. encouraged

57. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

58. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

59. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

60. The novel contains a criticism of the _____ society.

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

61. The antigovernment _____ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

62. Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was _____ about invasion.

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

63. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

64. The _____ of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

ANSWERS: 57. atrocity, 58. novel, 59. perspective, 60. surveillance, 61. rebellion, 62. deliberate, 63. guilty, 64. ministry

65. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.
v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
66. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time
67. The company used the _____ "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.
n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
68. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
69. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
70. The content is _____ and informative for me.
adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited
71. The politician delivered a powerful _____ during the press conference, capturing media attention.
n. a short and memorable excerpt or snippet of speech or music, typically taken from a longer recording, presentation, or interview, often used in media to convey a concise message or key point
72. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

ANSWERS: 65. urged, 66. Constant, 67. euphemism, 68. authoritarian, 69. technique, 70. precise, 71. soundbite, 72. eliminate

73. 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
74. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
75. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.
adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
76. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
77. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.
v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
78. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
79. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
80. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 73. military, 74. threat, 75. profound, 76. process, 77. loomed, 78. assumes, 79. obvious, 80. statistics

81. The _____ spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.
n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
82. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
83. The abolition of _____ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.
n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
84. We want to _____ our company through your media.
v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
85. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.
n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
86. This accident was something that happened _____.
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
87. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
88. An ironic remark often _____ an intended meaning obliquely.
v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

ANSWERS: 81. dialect, 82. Democracy, 83. slavery, 84. advertise, 85. appeal, 86. necessarily, 87. corruptible, 88. conveys

89. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

90. 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

91. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

92. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

93. This conduct would be an invasion of _____.

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

94. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

95. The _____ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

96. The politician's statements were found to be _____ and not based on fact.

adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

ANSWERS: 89. mundane, 90. refer, 91. government, 92. undermine, 93. privacy, 94. phrase, 95. irony, 96. deceptive

97. 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
98. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
99. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.
- v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

ANSWERS: 97. propaganda, 98. insights, 99. detained