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Session 1: Word List

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

butcher

n. a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others

synonym: butcherer, meat cutter, slaughterer

(1) **butcher** knife, (2) local **butcher**

He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the **butcher** shop.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

mosque

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

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

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

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym: facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

skullcap

n. a small close-fitting cap, particularly one worn as part of a uniform or in religious ceremonies; a plant of the mint family, used in herbal medicine for its calming and relaxing properties

synonym: beanie, cap, hat

(1) herbal **skullcap**, (2) surgical **skullcap**

I wore a protective **skullcap** while riding my bike to prevent head injuries.

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym: horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

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.

lifeless

adj. without life; dead

synonym : inanimate, inert, motionless

(1) fall **lifeless**, (2) a **lifeless** corpse

The plant had a **lifeless** appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.

monolith

n. a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance

synonym : monument, megalith, slab

(1) metal **monolith**, (2) towering **monolith**

The art exhibit featured a massive **monolith** sculpture made entirely of recycled materials.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym : hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

myopic

adj. near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective

synonym : nearsighted, short-sighted, unforesightful

(1) **myopic** vision, (2) **myopic** thinking

His **myopic** view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

Sufi

n. a follower or practitioner of Islam's mystical or ascetic branch, known as Sufism. Sufis emphasize the personal experience of God and spiritual growth through contemplation, prayer, and devotion

synonym : mystic, dervish

(1) **Sufi** music, (2) **Sufi** philosophy

The **Sufi** mystic preached a message of love and tolerance to his followers.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly

complicated

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym : illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

coverage

n. the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

synonym : reportage, scope, range

(1) full- **coverage** insurance, (2) contractual **coverage**

The scandal received widespread media **coverage**.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym : reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

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.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym: player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**

His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

sabbatical

n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

synonym: leave, vacation, break

(1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year

After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

synonym: flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

wayward

adj. behaving or acting in an unpredictable, erratic, or disobedient manner; straying from what is considered normal, expected, or acceptable

synonym : errant, perverse, disobedient

(1) **wayward** path, (2) **wayward** child

His **wayward** behavior led him down a destructive path.

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.

semblance

n. the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity

synonym : appearance, facade, imitation

(1) **semblance** of truth, (2) lose **semblance** of identity

There was no **semblance** of order at the chaotic protest.

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.

discord

n. lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

synonym : disharmony, disagreement, strife

(1) in **discord** with my friend, (2) **discord** between team members

Political **discord** has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym : bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

drone

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

synonym : hum, whirr, idler

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

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

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym : pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

entrust

v. to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment

synonym : trust, delegate, hand over

(1) **entrust** with responsibility, (2) **entrust** money to him
I **entrusted** my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.

sociopolitical

adj. relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other

synonym : social, political, community-based

(1) **sociopolitical** issues, (2) **sociopolitical** unrest
The **sociopolitical** climate of the country has led to a rise in protests and demonstrations.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness
The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym : victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**
The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

gesture

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

synonym : motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**
She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

headlong

adv. with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution

synonym : recklessly, impulsively, precipitously

(1) continue **headlong** into a risky business, (2) fall

headlong

He stumbled **headlong** down the stairs, tumbling to the bottom.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym: sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym: program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

immersion

n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

synonym: submergence, involvement, engagement

(1) baptism by **immersion**, (2) **immersion** in acid

I felt like I was in a different world because of the **immersion** experience of virtual reality.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and

backgrounds.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue
Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

deficient

adj. lacking something needed or normal

synonym : lacking, inadequate, insufficient

(1) **deficient** nutrient, (2) mentally **deficient**
His diet was **deficient** in essential vitamins and minerals.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym : fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**
The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**
The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

halal

adj. denoting or relating to food or another item that is permissible to consume or use according to Islamic law

synonym : permissible, lawful, legal

(1) **halal** certification, (2) **halal** option
The restaurant only serves **halal** food in compliance with Islamic laws.

slaughter

n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that

results in the death of many individuals

synonym : thrashing, massacre, carnage

(1) **slaughter** of animals, (2) senseless **slaughter**

The **slaughter** of endangered animals must be stopped.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym : rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

guideline

n. a general rule or principle that provides guidance to appropriate behavior; a piece of advice or instructions that tell you how something should be done or what something should be

synonym : policy, direction, protocol

(1) an education **guideline**, (2) **guideline** for clinical trial

This book will be a practical **guideline** when coding.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

ethical

adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

synonym : honorable, moral, virtuous

(1) an **ethical** doctrine, (2) shoulder **ethical** responsibility
The president must have the highest **ethical** standards.

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.

advantage *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

orthodoxy *n.* adherence to a conventional or widely accepted set of beliefs or practices, especially in religion or politics; the accepted or established doctrine or teachings of a particular group or institution
synonym : conformity, traditionalism, conservatism

(1) religious **orthodoxy**, (2) intellectual **orthodoxy**

The church's **orthodoxy** on certain issues was deeply ingrained.

absolutely *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

fashion *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

organic

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

synonym: biological

(1) **organic** soils, (2) eat **organic** food

The kidney is an **organic** component of the body.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym: unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym: close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

disparate

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

synonym: different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

restless

adj. unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy

synonym: agitated, anxious, disturbed

(1) a **restless** person, (2) **restless** waves

He felt **restless** and constantly changed his postures.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym: instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

oversimplify

v. to describe or explain something in a way that is too simple and no longer holds true

(1) **oversimplify** the problem, (2) **oversimplify** a complex reality

People may **oversimplify** natural phenomena due to the improved accessibility of knowledge.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym: imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

apologetic

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

synonym: sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

whitewash

n. a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events

synonym: cover-up, mask, camouflage

(1) **whitewash** paint, (2) academic **whitewash**

The politician was accused of attempting to **whitewash** his involvement in the controversial project.

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym: purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

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.

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.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

novelty

n. the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual

synonym : originality, newness, wonder

(1) bit of a **novelty**, (2) the **novelty** of an invention

In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a **novelty**.

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym: curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

acknowledged

adj. recognized or admitted as being true or valid

synonym: recognized, accepted, admitted

(1) **acknowledged** beauty, (2) publicly **acknowledged** truth

His **acknowledged** expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. religious or _____xy | <i>n.</i> adherence to a conventional or widely accepted set of beliefs or practices, especially in religion or politics; the accepted or established doctrine or teachings of a particular group or institution |
| 2. ove_____ify the problem | <i>v.</i> to describe or explain something in a way that is too simple and no longer holds true |
| 3. re_____t a place | <i>v.</i> to go to a place again, especially after a long period |
| 4. co_____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 5. ess_____ly correct | <i>adv.</i> relating to the essential features or concepts of anything |
| 6. fr_____te other team members | <i>v.</i> to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something |
| 7. go out of fa_____n | <i>n.</i> a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular |
| 8. re_____m land from the sea | <i>v.</i> to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back |
| 9. st_____le to get the job | <i>v.</i> 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. orthodoxy, 2. oversimplify, 3. revisit, 4. communal, 5. essentially, 6. frustrate, 7. fashion, 8. reclaim, 9. struggle

10. intellectual or _____xy *n.* adherence to a conventional or widely accepted set of beliefs or practices, especially in religion or politics; the accepted or established doctrine or teachings of a particular group or institution
11. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
12. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
13. the sacred mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
14. afraid to show em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
15. full-co____ge insurance *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
16. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
17. locust sw__m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
18. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
19. have the in____ve talent *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas

ANSWERS: 10. orthodoxy, 11. damn, 12. viol, 13. mosque, 14. emotion, 15. coverage, 16. exciting, 17. swarm, 18. unfortunately, 19. inventive

20. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
21. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
22. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
23. 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
24. sy_____l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
25. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
26. vi_____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
27. apple bl_____m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
28. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
29. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
30. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

ANSWERS: 20. relevance, 21. exciting, 22. filmmaker, 23. struggle, 24. symbol, 25. affordable, 26. visceral, 27. blossom, 28. interact, 29. vast, 30. district

31. eat or _____c food *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
32. lose se _____ce of identity *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
33. take ad _____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
34. for the s__e of argument *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
35. non-fiction fi _____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
36. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
37. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
38. ove_____ify a complex reality *v.* to describe or explain something in a way that is too simple and no longer holds true
39. metal mo_____th *n.* a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance
40. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

ANSWERS: 31. organic, 32. semblance, 33. advantage, 34. sake, 35. filmmaker, 36. symbol, 37. fashion, 38. oversimplify, 39. monolith, 40. strict

41. 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
42. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
43. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
44. publicly ack_____ged truth *adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid
45. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
46. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
47. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
48. a baseball le___e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
49. S__i music *n.* a follower or practitioner of Islam's mystical or ascetic branch, known as Sufism. Sufis emphasize the personal experience of God and spiritual growth through contemplation, prayer, and devotion

ANSWERS: 41. mass, 42. unfortunately, 43. stick, 44. acknowledged, 45. empathy, 46. advantage, 47. champion, 48. league, 49. Sufi

50. apo_____ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
51. di_____d between team members *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
52. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
53. ack_____ged beauty *adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid
54. po_____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
55. continue he_____ng into a risky business *adv.* with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution
56. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
57. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
58. di_____te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
59. re_____t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
60. interim cu_____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

ANSWERS: 50. apologetic, 51. discord, 52. crazy, 53. acknowledged, 54. portrait, 55. headlong, 56. trump, 57. essentially, 58. disparate, 59. revisit, 60. curator

61. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
62. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
63. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
64. for your own s___e *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
65. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
66. surgical sk_____ap *n.* a small close-fitting cap, particularly one worn as part of a uniform or in religious ceremonies; a plant of the mint family, used in herbal medicine for its calming and relaxing properties
67. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
68. the speaker's dr___e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
69. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
70. sl_____er of animals *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
71. baptism by im_____on *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

ANSWERS: 61. relevance, 62. affordable, 63. athlete, 64. sake, 65. unbelievable, 66. skullcap, 67. emerge, 68. drone, 69. complexity, 70. slaughter, 71. immersion

72. bit of a no____y *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
73. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
74. wa_____d child *adj.* behaving or acting in an unpredictable, erratic, or disobedient manner; straying from what is considered normal, expected, or acceptable
75. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
76. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
77. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
78. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
79. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
80. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

ANSWERS: 72. novelty, 73. trump, 74. wayward, 75. inventive, 76. creative, 77. courage, 78. stick, 79. inspire, 80. strict

81. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
82. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
83. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
84. senseless sl_____er *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
85. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
86. ge_____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
87. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
88. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
89. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

ANSWERS: 81. agenda, 82. journalist, 83. intern, 84. slaughter, 85. crazy, 86. gesture, 87. athlete, 88. stereotype, 89. refugee

90. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
91. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
92. hand ge____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
93. im____on in acid *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
94. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
95. soc_____cal issues *adj.* relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other
96. an et____l doctrine *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
97. a ch____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
98. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 90. creative, 91. empathy, 92. gesture, 93. immersion, 94. faith, 95. sociopolitical, 96. ethical, 97. champion, 98. identity

99. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
100. vi_____al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
101. a black be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
102. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
103. shave my be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
104. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
105. academic wh_____sh *n.* a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events
106. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
107. 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: 99. frustrate, 100. visceral, 101. beard, 102. journalist, 103. beard, 104. interact, 105. whitewash, 106. mosque, 107. mass

108. re____ss waves *adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
109. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
110. cu____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
111. se_____ce of truth *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
112. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
113. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
114. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
115. ha__l certification *adj.* denoting or relating to food or another item that is permissible to consume or use according to Islamic law
116. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 108. restless, 109. nudge, 110. curator, 111. semblance, 112. faith, 113. damn, 114. largely, 115. halal, 116. drone

117. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
118. in di_____d with my friend *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
119. de_____nt nutrient *adj.* lacking something needed or normal
120. contractual co_____ge *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
121. in_____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
122. 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
123. herbal sk_____ap *n.* a small close-fitting cap, particularly one worn as part of a uniform or in religious ceremonies; a plant of the mint family, used in herbal medicine for its calming and relaxing properties
124. my____c thinking *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
125. soc_____cal unrest *adj.* relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other
126. fall li_____ss *adj.* without life; dead

ANSWERS: 117. absolutely, 118. discord, 119. deficient, 120. coverage, 121. intimate, 122. appeal, 123. skullcap, 124. myopic, 125. sociopolitical, 126. lifeless

127. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
128. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
129. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
130. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
131. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
132. ambitious ag___a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
133. my___c vision *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
134. a po_____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
135. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
136. ha__l option *adj.* denoting or relating to food or another item that is permissible to consume or use according to Islamic law

ANSWERS: 127. courage, 128. refugee, 129. flash, 130. compromise, 131. complicated, 132. agenda, 133. myopic, 134. portrait, 135. emotion, 136. halal

137. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
138. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
139. shoulder et_____l responsibility *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
140. or_____c soils *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
141. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
142. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
143. sab_____al leave *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
144. local bu_____r *n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
145. a re_____ss person *adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
146. bl_____m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 137. identity, 138. compromise, 139. ethical, 140. organic, 141. largely, 142. intimate, 143. sabbatical, 144. butcher, 145. restless, 146. blossom

147. the no____y of an invention *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
148. a sw__m of mosquitoes *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
149. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
150. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
151. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
152. bu_____r knife *n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
153. sab_____al year *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
154. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
155. fall he_____ng *adv.* with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution
156. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 147. novelty, 148. swarm, 149. inspire, 150. communal, 151. nudge, 152. butcher, 153. sabbatical, 154. complexity, 155. headlong, 156. vast

157. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
158. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
159. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
160. 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
161. mentally de_____nt *adj.* lacking something needed or normal
162. towering mo_____th *n.* a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance
163. fe_____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
164. en_____t money to him *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment

ANSWERS: 157. intern, 158. district, 159. complicated, 160. appeal, 161. deficient, 162. monolith, 163. festival, 164. entrust

165. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
166. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
167. an education gu_____ne *n.* a general rule or principle that provides guidance to appropriate behavior; a piece of advice or instructions that tell you how something should be done or what something should be
168. apo_____ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
169. physically di_____te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
170. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
171. S__i philosophy *n.* a follower or practitioner of Islam's mystical or ascetic branch, known as Sufism. Sufis emphasize the personal experience of God and spiritual growth through contemplation, prayer, and devotion
172. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
173. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

ANSWERS: 165. reclaim, 166. unbelievable, 167. guideline, 168. apologetic, 169. disparate, 170. league, 171. Sufi, 172. flash, 173. festival

174. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
175. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
176. gu_____ne for clinical trial *n.* a general rule or principle that provides guidance to appropriate behavior; a piece of advice or instructions that tell you how something should be done or what something should be
177. a li_____ss corpse *adj.* without life; dead
178. wh_____sh paint *n.* a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events
179. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
180. wa_____d path *adj.* behaving or acting in an unpredictable, erratic, or disobedient manner; straying from what is considered normal, expected, or acceptable
181. en_____t with responsibility *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment

ANSWERS: 174. stereotype, 175. absolutely, 176. guideline, 177. lifeless, 178. whitewash, 179. viol, 180. wayward, 181. entrust

182. em___e as a butterfly

v. to move out of or away from something
and become visible

ANSWERS: 182. emerge

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He grew a thick _____ to change his appearance.
n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

2. The scandal received widespread media _____.
n. the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

3. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.
n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

4. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

5. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.
n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

6. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily

7. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.
adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

ANSWERS: 1. beard, 2. coverage, 3. league, 4. stereotypes, 5. champion, 6. unfortunately, 7. visceral

8. The plant had a _____ appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.

adj. without life; dead

9. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

10. I felt like I was in a different world because of the _____ experience of virtual reality.

n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

11. The restaurant only serves _____ food in compliance with Islamic laws.

adj. denoting or relating to food or another item that is permissible to consume or use according to Islamic law

12. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

13. The community warmly welcomed the _____.

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

14. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 8. lifeless, 9. gesture, 10. immersion, 11. halal, 12. complicated, 13. refugees, 14. stick

15. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

16. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

17. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

18. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

19. He stumbled _____ down the stairs, tumbling to the bottom.

adv. with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution

20. This book will be a practical _____ when coding.

n. a general rule or principle that provides guidance to appropriate behavior; a piece of advice or instructions that tell you how something should be done or what something should be

21. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

22. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 15. interact, 16. nudged, 17. disparate, 18. filmmaker, 19. headlong, 20. guideline, 21. intimate, 22. exciting

23. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
24. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
25. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.
n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
26. His _____ expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.
adj. recognized or admitted as being true or valid
27. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
28. 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
29. 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
30. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

ANSWERS: 23. symbol, 24. journalists, 25. portrait, 26. acknowledged, 27. emotions, 28. mass, 29. viol, 30. strict

31. The cherry _____ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
- n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
32. He felt _____ and constantly changed his postures.
- adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
33. I _____ my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.
- v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
34. A _____ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.
- n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
35. 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
36. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
37. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.
- adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
38. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
- n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

ANSWERS: 31. blossom, 32. restless, 33. entrusted, 34. swarm, 35. appeal, 36. courage, 37. inventive, 38. relevance

39. He was _____ for being late to the meeting.

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

40. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

41. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

42. We need to _____ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

43. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

44. His diet was _____ in essential vitamins and minerals.

adj. lacking something needed or normal

45. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

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

46. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 39. apologetic, 40. sake, 41. unbelievable, 42. revisit, 43. identity, 44. deficient, 45. drone, 46. trump

47. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.
- n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
48. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
49. The politician was accused of attempting to _____ his involvement in the controversial project.
- n.* a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events
50. That style is no longer in _____.
- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
51. I wore a protective _____ while riding my bike to prevent head injuries.
- n.* a small close-fitting cap, particularly one worn as part of a uniform or in religious ceremonies; a plant of the mint family, used in herbal medicine for its calming and relaxing properties
52. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
- v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
53. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 47. Mosque, 48. frustrate, 49. whitewash, 50. fashion, 51. skullcap, 52. damn, 53. vast

54. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

- n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

55. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

56. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

- v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

57. There was no _____ of order at the chaotic protest.

- n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity

58. He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the _____ shop.

- n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others

59. Political _____ has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

- n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

60. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

61. The art exhibit featured a massive _____ sculpture made entirely of recycled materials.

- n.* a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance

ANSWERS: 54. faith, 55. absolutely, 56. reclaim, 57. semblance, 58. butcher, 59. discord, 60. creative, 61. monolith

62. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
63. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.
adj. not expensive and able to pay
64. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.
n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
65. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
66. The kidney is an _____ component of the body.
adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
67. The _____ climate of the country has led to a rise in protests and demonstrations.
adj. relating to both social and political aspects of society; having to do with how politics and social issues are interconnected or influence each other
68. 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
69. The _____ of endangered animals must be stopped.
n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals

ANSWERS: 62. flash, 63. affordable, 64. athlete, 65. Communal, 66. organic, 67. sociopolitical, 68. inspired, 69. slaughter

70. The church's _____ on certain issues was deeply ingrained.
- n.* adherence to a conventional or widely accepted set of beliefs or practices, especially in religion or politics; the accepted or established doctrine or teachings of a particular group or institution
71. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
72. The president must have the highest _____ standards.
- adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
73. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
74. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
75. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.
- n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
76. _____ a society is an organism.
- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
77. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
- adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree

ANSWERS: 70. orthodoxy, 71. Empathy, 72. ethical, 73. emerged, 74. interned, 75. festival, 76. Essentially, 77. largely

78. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
79. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
80. His _____ view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.
adj. near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
81. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
82. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
83. In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a _____.
n. the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
84. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
85. 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

ANSWERS: 78. agenda, 79. advantages, 80. myopic, 81. crazy, 82. compromised, 83. novelty, 84. district, 85. struggle

86. The _____ mystic preached a message of love and tolerance to his followers.
- n.* a follower or practitioner of Islam's mystical or ascetic branch, known as Sufism. Sufis emphasize the personal experience of God and spiritual growth through contemplation, prayer, and devotion
87. After ten years of teaching, she took a _____ to travel the world.
- n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
88. People may _____ natural phenomena due to the improved accessibility of knowledge.
- v.* to describe or explain something in a way that is too simple and no longer holds true
89. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.
- n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
90. His _____ behavior led him down a destructive path.
- adj.* behaving or acting in an unpredictable, erratic, or disobedient manner; straying from what is considered normal, expected, or acceptable
91. 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

ANSWERS: 86. Sufi, 87. sabbatical, 88. oversimplify, 89. curator, 90. wayward, 91. complexity