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Session 1: Word List

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

synonym: maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

economy

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

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym : obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym : amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

elucidate

v. to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement

synonym : clarify, explain, expound

(1) **elucidate** the entire incident, (2) **elucidate** phenomena

The teacher needed to **elucidate** the complex math problem before the students could solve it.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym : continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

intractable

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

synonym : obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation

The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

pervade

v. to spread throughout something; to permeate

synonym : permeate, penetrate, suffuse

(1) **pervade** society, (2) **pervade** an atmosphere

The smell of baking bread **pervaded** the kitchen.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

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.

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.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

underperform

v. to perform less successfully or effectively than expected, needed, or desired; to fail to meet one's own or others'

expectations or standards

synonym : underachieve, perform poorly, fall short

(1) **underperform** expectations, (2) **underperform** the market

The team **underperformed** in the championship game, leading to their defeat.

erosion

n. the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water

synonym : corrosion, weathering, decay

(1) **erosion** control, (2) wind **erosion**

The **erosion** of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.

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.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym : liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

deficit

n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

synonym : insufficiency, deficiency, shortage

(1) federal budget **deficit**, (2) an accumulative **deficit**

Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade **deficit**.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

quantity

n. the amount or number of something; magnitude

synonym: abundance, portion, amount

(1) half **quantity**, (2) residual **quantity**

In southward, the average annual water **quantity** increases.

stall

v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

synonym: halt, hamper, (noun) cubicle

(1) **stall** at sea, (2) **stall** in a tunnel

The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally **stalled**.

vein

n. a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation

synonym: artery, blood vessel, capillary

(1) spider **vein**, (2) collapsed **vein**

The nurse inserted the needle into the **vein** in his arm to draw blood.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

dent

v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface

synonym: indent, depress, mark

(1) **dent** removal, (2) **dent** his pride

He acci **dentally** dented his car when he bumped into a tree.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

regress

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

synonym: retrovert, deteriorate, decline

(1) **regress** to childhood, (2) **regress** in skills

The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym : integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

synonym : skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend

The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym : flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym : agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the

delivery of goods.

atrophy

n. a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse

synonym : disintegration, degeneration, wasting away

(1) weakness with **atrophy**, (2) **atrophy** of the muscles

Daily exercise and adequate sleep are necessary to prevent the progression of **atrophy**.

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.

wane

v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity

synonym : decrease, diminish, fade

(1) **wane** over time, (2) **wane** in popularity

The fragrance of this material **wanes** over weeks to months.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

instability

n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

synonym : imbalance, fluctuation, unstableness

(1) political **instability**, (2) **instability** in currency markets

Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional **instability**.

dim

adj. poorly lit; not bright

synonym : dull, faint, weak

(1) **dim** and distant past, (2) **dim** memory

The **dim** light made it difficult to read the book.

coarse

adj. rough or uneven in texture; lacking refinement or sensitivity in behavior, speech, or manners

synonym : rough, rugged, harsh

(1) **coarse** language, (2) **coarse** texture

The kitchen knife had a **coarse** edge, making cutting through the tough steak difficult.

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.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym : dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym : suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

disillusion

v. to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

synonym : disenchant, disappoint, embitter

(1) **disillusion** the young, (2) **disillusion** him about reality

She felt **disillusioned** with the management and decided to leave.

ascribe

v. to attribute something to a particular cause or source
synonym : attribute, credit, assign

(1) **ascribe** everything to nature, (2) **ascribe** my failure to bad luck

The project's success was **ascribed** to the team's hard work.

overpopulation

n. a situation in which the number of people or living organisms in a particular area or environment exceeds the carrying capacity or resources of that area or environment

synonym : population explosion, demographic burden, overcrowding

(1) **overpopulation** problem, (2) **overpopulation** crisis

Many animal species are at risk of extinction due to human **overpopulation** and habitat destruction.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

plateau

n. an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress

synonym : mesa, tableland, plain

(1) **plateau** region, (2) **plateau** in performance

The hikers finally reached the **plateau** after a long climb up the mountain.

degradation

n. the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state

synonym : depravity, degeneration, deterioration

(1) **degradation** by heat, (2) live in **degradation**

Many researchers are monitoring environmental **degradation**

in real-time through satellites.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym: business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

globalism

n. a political, economic, and social outlook that emphasizes the importance of global cooperation and interdependence, often associated with free trade, globalization of culture, and the spread of technology

synonym: internationalism, universality

(1) **globalism** movement, (2) anti- **globalism**

The rise of **globalism** has led to increased international trade and cultural exchange.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym: avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

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.

backbone

n. the spinal column of a vertebrate; a symbolic representation of strength and resilience

synonym: spine, courage, fortitude

(1) **backbone** of society, (2) **backbone** curve

She showed great **backbone** when standing up for her beliefs in opposition.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym: commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

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.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym: division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

critique

n. a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an

essay or article that gives a critical evaluation

synonym : review, analysis, appraisal

(1) a **critique** of the social system, (2) devastating **critique**

Following the **critique** from the professor, students rewrite their essays and submit them for final evaluation.

pursue

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

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

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

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

stance

n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

synonym : attitude, standpoint, viewpoint

(1) change her **stance**, (2) the batting **stance**

He continued to support her political **stance**.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

simplistic

adj. oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple

terms

synonym: basic, uncomplicated, elementary

(1) **simplistic** approach, (2) **simplistic** design

The politician's solution to the problem was too **simplistic** to solve the underlying issue.

dichotomy

n. a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts

synonym: division, duality, contrast

(1) moral **dichotomy**, (2) psychological **dichotomy**

The **dichotomy** between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym: applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

blatantly

adv. in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise

synonym: openly, candidly, overtly

(1) **blatantly** obvious, (2) **blatantly** unfair

She **blatantly** ignored his warning and continued with her dangerous behavior.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym : nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym : depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

expense

n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something

synonym : cost, expenditure, outlay

(1) enormous **expenses**, (2) **expense** account

For this project to be successful, we must control **expenses** strictly.

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**.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

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.

utility

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

synonym : usefulness, practicality, utility

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

maxim

n. a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior

synonym : adage, proverb, aphorism

(1) old **maxim**, (2) act upon a **maxim**

A good **maxim** is never out of season.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

arbiter

n. a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision

synonym: judge, referee, mediator

(1) professional **arbiter**, (2) cultural **arbiter**

The **arbiter** of the dispute will be an impartial judge.

nevertheless

adv. in spite of that; yet

synonym : nonetheless, yet, still

(1) keep working **nevertheless**, (2) **nevertheless**, she persevered

She was tired and hungry, but **nevertheless**, she persevered.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym : structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

beneficial

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

synonym : useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries

Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym : skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

conditional

adj. depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions

synonym : contingent, dependent, provisional

(1) **conditional** offer, (2) **conditional** release

The **conditional** statement in the program tells the computer what to do next.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

enhance

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

synonym : improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

inoculate

v. to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease

synonym: vaccinate, immunize, protect

(1) **inoculate** against disease, (2) **inoculate** with a virus

The doctor **inoculated** the child with a vaccine.

immunization

n. the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

synonym: vaccination, shot, inoculation

(1) **immunization** program, (2) childhood **immunization**

Due to the success of **immunization** programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym: proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond

The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym:

aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

underway

adj. having started and currently in progress

synonym: afoot, ongoing, in motion

(1) just getting **underway**, (2) campaign now **underway**

This project has been **underway** for several years.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym: ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

motive

n. the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way

synonym: reason, incentive, drive

(1) murder **motive**, (2) an unworthy **motive**

The detective tried to uncover the **motive** behind the crime.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym: sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**

The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym: foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

rollout

n. the introduction or implementation of a new product, service, or system, particularly one that has been planned and developed over a period of time

synonym: launch, release, deployment

(1) **rollout** strategy, (2) software **rollout**

The company announced the **rollout** of its new product line next month.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

advent

n. the arrival or beginning of something; the coming of Jesus Christ at his birth

synonym: coming, arrival, approach

(1) **advent** calendar, (2) celebrate the **advent** of spring

The **advent** of the internet has dramatically changed the way we communicate.

dogmatic

adj. characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence

synonym: authoritative, doctrinal, opinionated

(1) **dogmatic** beliefs, (2) **dogmatic** approach

The company's old **dogmatic** policies were the cause of its

downfall.

unnecessary

adj. not needed or required; not essential or important
synonym : redundant, extra, superfluous

(1) **unnecessary** expense, (2) **unnecessary** hassle

The extra steps in the process were deemed **unnecessary** and removed to streamline production.

ideological

adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

synonym : theoretical, abstract, philosophical

(1) **ideological** divide, (2) **ideological** differences

The book presents an **ideological** perspective on the role of government in society.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym : epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

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.

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**.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym: lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym : reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

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.

decouple

v. to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously

synonym : disunite, disjoint, break up

(1) **decouple** a power supply, (2) **decouple** a space shuttle

We have to **decouple** our foreign policy from ideology.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym : fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym : hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym : creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**
Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow
The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

finite

adj. having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.

synonym : delimited, defined, limited

(1) **finite** resources, (2) **finite** decimal

Human beings have a **finite** lifespan, so we yearn for the idea of immortality.

scarce

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

synonym : rare, limited, sparse

(1) **scarce** resources, (2) capital- **scarce** country

Fresh water is becoming increasingly **scarce** in many parts of the world.

deplete

v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

synonym : exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

valid

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

synonym: proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

desalination

n. the process of removing salt, especially from seawater

(1) shut down a **desalination** plant, (2) water **desalination**

He worked on improving the equipment using the freeze-**desalination** method.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym : offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym : encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

open-minded

adj. willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas

synonym : receptive, impartial, approachable

(1) an **open-minded** person, (2) adopt an **open-minded** attitude

Both parties were pleased with the **open-minded** discussion.

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.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym :

custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

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.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

coefficient

n. a numerical measure of a specific property or characteristic of a substance or system that is used in mathematical equations or formulas to predict behavior or outcomes; a factor that expresses the change in one variable per unit change in another variable

synonym: constant, factor, ratio

(1) absorption **coefficient**, (2) thermal expansion **coefficient**

The **coefficient** of friction on the icy road was dangerously low.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

discourse

n. any form of communication in speech or writing

synonym : discussion, dialogue, communication

(1) hold **discourse** with him, (2) a **discourse** about art

Sweet **discourse** makes short days and nights.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym : humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

delegate

n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone

synonym : representative, envoy, agent

(1) **delegate** a routine task, (2) send a **delegate**

The **delegate** from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.

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.

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.

schism

n. a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief
synonym: division, separation, split

(1) **schism** within the community, (2) political **schism**

The church split into two factions during the **schism** in the 15th century.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose
synonym: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym: core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

swipe

v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

synonym: flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

Session 2: Spelling

1. political sc___m *n.* a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief

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5. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

6. 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

7. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

8. und_____orm the market *v.* to perform less successfully or effectively than expected, needed, or desired; to fail to meet one's own or others' expectations or standards

ANSWERS: 1. schism, 2. prop, 3. tweet, 4. improve, 5. absolutely, 6. democracy, 7. claim, 8. underperform

9. imm_____ion program *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
10. dis_____on the young *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
11. re_____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
12. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
13. a va__d contract *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
14. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
15. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
16. details of his pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
17. an und_____ng cause of an accident *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
18. water des_____ion *n.* the process of removing salt, especially from seawater
19. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 9. immunization, 10. disillusion, 11. revisit, 12. individual, 13. valid, 14. optimistic, 15. engage, 16. proposal, 17. underlying, 18. desalination, 19. pursue

20. software ro____t *n.* the introduction or implementation of a new product, service, or system, particularly one that has been planned and developed over a period of time
21. d__t his pride *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
22. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
23. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
24. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
25. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
26. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
27. bl_____ly unfair *adv.* in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise

ANSWERS: 20. rollout, 21. dent, 22. react, 23. debate, 24. ingenuity, 25. prioritize, 26. policy, 27. blatantly

28. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
29. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
30. weakness with at_____y *n.* a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
31. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
32. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
33. de_____e customer confidence *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
34. a cr_____ue of the social system *n.* a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation
35. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
36. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
37. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
38. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
39. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 28. increasingly, 29. optimistic, 30. atrophy, 31. pilot, 32. mention, 33. deplete, 34. critique, 35. agenda, 36. define, 37. ingenuity, 38. poverty, 39. prioritize

40. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
41. ove_____ion crisis *n.* a situation in which the number of people or living organisms in a particular area or environment exceeds the carrying capacity or resources of that area or environment
42. el_____te phenomena *v.* to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement
43. political id_____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
44. corporate d____t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
45. en_____e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
46. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
47. motion b____r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
48. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 40. partnership, 41. overpopulation, 42. elucidate, 43. ideology, 44. debt, 45. enhance, 46. corruption, 47. blur, 48. argument

49. an easy de____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
50. ove_____ion problem *n.* a situation in which the number of people or living organisms in a particular area or environment exceeds the carrying capacity or resources of that area or environment
51. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
52. ide_____al divide *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
53. fi___e decimal *adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
54. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
55. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
56. the batting st___e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
57. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
58. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 49. delivery, 50. overpopulation, 51. magic, 52. ideological, 53. finite, 54. lean, 55. corporate, 56. stance, 57. incentive, 58. tradition

59. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
60. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
61. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
62. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
63. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
64. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
65. d_m memory *adj.* poorly lit; not bright
66. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
67. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
68. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

ANSWERS: 59. debate, 60. dominant, 61. reward, 62. contribute, 63. crisis, 64. improvisation, 65. dim, 66. advance, 67. partnership, 68. risky

69. sim_____ic design *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
70. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
71. catch the pl____e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
72. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
73. wind er_____n *n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
74. special de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
75. pe_____e society *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
76. a di_____se about art *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
77. unn_____ry expense *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
78. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 69. simplistic, 70. disease, 71. plague, 72. advance, 73. erosion, 74. delivery, 75. pervade, 76. discourse, 77. unnecessary, 78. develop

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81. und_____orm expectations *v.* to perform less successfully or effectively than expected, needed, or desired; to fail to meet one's own or others' expectations or standards
82. int_____le pain *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
83. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
84. pe_____e an atmosphere *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
85. 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
86. moral di_____my *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
87. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

ANSWERS: 79. dent, 80. agenda, 81. underperform, 82. intractable, 83. trend, 84. pervade, 85. labor, 86. dichotomy, 87. decline

88. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
89. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
90. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
91. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
92. su_____n a good relationship with him *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
93. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
94. a ticket va__d for two days *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
95. lack in mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
96. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
97. psychological di_____my *n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts
98. 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

ANSWERS: 88. react, 89. practical, 90. negative, 91. globe, 92. sustain, 93. compromise, 94. valid, 95. mobility, 96. risky, 97. dichotomy, 98. labor

99. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
100. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
101. as_____e my failure to bad luck *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
102. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
103. co____e language *adj.* rough or uneven in texture; lacking refinement or sensitivity in behavior, speech, or manners
104. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
105. ad____t calendar *n.* the arrival or beginning of something; the coming of Jesus Christ at his birth
106. deadly pl____e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
107. ba_____ne of society *n.* the spinal column of a vertebrate; a symbolic representation of strength and resilience

ANSWERS: 99. environment, 100. spectrum, 101. ascribe, 102. afford, 103. coarse, 104. policy, 105. advent, 106. plague, 107. backbone

108. sc___m within the community *n.* a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief
109. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
110. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
111. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
112. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
113. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
114. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
115. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
116. certain ex___t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
117. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

ANSWERS: 108. schism, 109. infrastructure, 110. disease, 111. capita, 112. ultimate, 113. constrain, 114. expand, 115. frame, 116. extent, 117. legitimate

118. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
119. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
120. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
121. the agricultural yield per ca____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
122. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
123. sim_____ic approach *adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms
124. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
125. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 118. dominant, 119. economy, 120. progression, 121. capita, 122. essential, 123. simplistic, 124. improvisation, 125. economy

126. sc___e resources *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
127. live in deg_____on *n.* the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state
128. gr___y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
129. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
130. devastating cr_____ue *n.* a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation
131. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
132. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
133. childhood imm_____ion *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
134. leg_____te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
135. ut_____y costs *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
136. take an un_____in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

ANSWERS: 126. scarce, 127. degradation, 128. greedy, 129. incentive, 130. critique, 131. propose, 132. definition, 133. immunization, 134. legitimate, 135. utility, 136. uncertain

137. a ben_____al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
138. pl_____u in performance *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
139. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
140. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
141. as_____e everything to nature *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
142. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
143. int_____le situation *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
144. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
145. ex_____e account *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
146. the em_____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
147. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 137. beneficial, 138. plateau, 139. recognize, 140. statistics, 141. ascribe, 142. accident, 143. intractable, 144. negative, 145. expense, 146. emission, 147. tradition

148. ide_____al differences *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
149. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
150. industrial se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
151. co____e texture *adj.* rough or uneven in texture; lacking refinement or sensitivity in behavior, speech, or manners
152. em____y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
153. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
154. send a de_____te *n.* a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
155. spider v____n *n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation
156. nev_____ess, she persevered *adv.* in spite of that; yet
157. w__e over time *v.* to decrease in size, strength, or intensity

ANSWERS: 148. ideological, 149. constrain, 150. sector, 151. coarse, 152. embody, 153. struggle, 154. delegate, 155. vein, 156. nevertheless, 157. wane

158. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
159. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
160. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
161. de_____le a power supply *v.* to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously
162. sw___e left on a dating app *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
163. en_____e the flavor of the vanilla *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
164. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
165. false cl___m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
166. ben_____al to all countries *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

ANSWERS: 158. definition, 159. infrastructure, 160. critic, 161. decouple, 162. swipe, 163. enhance, 164. essence, 165. claim, 166. beneficial

167. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
168. em___y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
169. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
170. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
171. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
172. su_____n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
173. de_____le a space shuttle *v.* to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously
174. 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
175. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 167. prop, 168. embody, 169. magic, 170. contribute, 171. progression, 172. sustain, 173. decouple, 174. basis, 175. propose

176. con_____al offer *adj.* depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions
177. act upon a ma__m *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
178. shut down a des_____ion plant *n.* the process of removing salt, especially from seawater
179. pl____u region *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
180. become a com_____ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
181. re_____s to childhood *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
182. com_____ce event *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
183. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
184. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
185. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
186. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 176. conditional, 177. maxim, 178. desalination, 179. plateau, 180. commonplace, 181. regress, 182. commonplace, 183. poverty, 184. corporate, 185. outcome, 186. pursue

187. re_____s in skills *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
188. er_____n control *n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
189. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
190. ba_____ne curve *n.* the spinal column of a vertebrate; a symbolic representation of strength and resilience
191. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
192. private se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
193. a l____n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
194. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
195. anti-gl_____sm *n.* a political, economic, and social outlook that emphasizes the importance of global cooperation and interdependence, often associated with free trade, globalization of culture, and the spread of technology

ANSWERS: 187. regress, 188. erosion, 189. statistics, 190. backbone, 191. inequality, 192. sector, 193. lean, 194. emerging, 195. globalism

196. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
197. fo___r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
198. st__l in a tunnel *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
199. adopt an ope_____ed attitude *adj.* willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
200. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
201. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
202. thermal expansion coe_____nt *n.* a numerical measure of a specific property or characteristic of a substance or system that is used in mathematical equations or formulas to predict behavior or outcomes; a factor that expresses the change in one variable per unit change in another variable
203. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 196. environment, 197. foster, 198. stall, 199. open-minded, 200. corruption, 201. responsible, 202. coefficient, 203. crisis

204. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
205. bu___n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
206. an ope_____ed person *adj.* willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
207. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
208. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
209. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
210. pl__d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
211. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
212. reh_____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

ANSWERS: 204. fundamental, 205. burden, 206. open-minded, 207. recognize, 208. tweet, 209. contract, 210. plead, 211. discuss, 212. rehabilitate

213. enormous ex_____es *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
214. vi___e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
215. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
216. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
217. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
218. lack of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
219. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
220. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
221. just getting un_____ay *adj.* having started and currently in progress
222. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
223. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
224. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
225. pl__d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

ANSWERS: 213. expense, 214. virtue, 215. ultimate, 216. pilot, 217. debt, 218. humility, 219. opportune, 220. government, 221. underway, 222. mention, 223. emerging, 224. absolutely, 225. plead

226. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
227. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
228. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
229. bl_____ly obvious *adv.* in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise
230. old ma__m *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
231. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
232. fo___r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
233. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
234. professional ar____r *n.* a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision

ANSWERS: 226. develop, 227. improve, 228. adopt, 229. blatantly, 230. maxim, 231. engage, 232. foster, 233. argue, 234. arbiter

235. an und_____ng motive	<i>adj.</i> significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
236. keep working nev_____ess	<i>adv.</i> in spite of that; yet
237. ind_____us worker	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
238. under the umbrella of cap_____sm	<i>n.</i> an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
239. marginal ut_____y	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
240. fun_____al rights	<i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
241. ind_____us student	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
242. in____t in stocks	<i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
243. ex____d a lineup	<i>v.</i> to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
244. at_____y of the muscles	<i>n.</i> a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
245. the yi__d on the bond	<i>n.</i> the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

ANSWERS: 235. underlying, 236. nevertheless, 237. industrious, 238. capitalism, 239. utility, 240. fundamental, 241. industrious, 242. invest, 243. expand, 244. atrophy, 245. yield

246. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
247. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
248. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
249. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
250. carry a bu___n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
251. w__e in popularity *v.* to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
252. campaign now un_____ay *adj.* having started and currently in progress
253. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
254. hold di_____se with him *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
255. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
256. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
257. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 246. sustainable, 247. decide, 248. pandemic, 249. trend, 250. burden, 251. wane, 252. underway, 253. capitalism, 254. discourse, 255. accident, 256. extent, 257. profit

258. in_____te with a virus *v.* to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
259. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
260. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
261. half qu_____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
262. shopping re____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
263. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
264. an accumulative de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
265. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
266. do_____ic approach *adj.* characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence

ANSWERS: 258. inoculate, 259. decide, 260. framework, 261. quantity, 262. reward, 263. opportune, 264. deficit, 265. inequality, 266. dogmatic

267. residual qu____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
268. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
269. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
270. corn yi__d *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
271. develop an attitude of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
272. ro____t strategy *n.* the introduction or implementation of a new product, service, or system, particularly one that has been planned and developed over a period of time
273. gain pr____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
274. absorption coe____nt *n.* a numerical measure of a specific property or characteristic of a substance or system that is used in mathematical equations or formulas to predict behavior or outcomes; a factor that expresses the change in one variable per unit change in another variable
275. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

ANSWERS: 267. quantity, 268. planet, 269. profit, 270. yield, 271. humility, 272. rollout, 273. practical, 274. coefficient, 275. adopt

276. el_____te the entire incident *v.* to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement
277. employment co_____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
278. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
279. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
280. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
281. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
282. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
283. re_____t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
284. look up____d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

ANSWERS: 276. elucidate, 277. contract, 278. essence, 279. argument, 280. context, 281. blur, 282. decline, 283. revisit, 284. upward

285. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
286. global em____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
287. federal budget de____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
288. reh____ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
289. an innovative pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
290. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
291. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
292. murder mo____e *n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way
293. do____ic beliefs *adj.* characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence
294. 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

ANSWERS: 285. broad, 286. emission, 287. deficit, 288. rehabilitate, 289. proposal, 290. afford, 291. discuss, 292. motive, 293. dogmatic, 294. struggle

295. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
296. the id_____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
297. demonstrate an up____d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
298. celebrate the ad____t of spring *n.* the arrival or beginning of something; the coming of Jesus Christ at his birth
299. fi____e resources *adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
300. improve social mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
301. gl_____sm movement *n.* a political, economic, and social outlook that emphasizes the importance of global cooperation and interdependence, often associated with free trade, globalization of culture, and the spread of technology
302. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
303. con_____al release *adj.* depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions
304. de_____te a routine task *n.* a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone

ANSWERS: 295. individual, 296. ideology, 297. upward, 298. advent, 299. finite, 300. mobility, 301. globalism, 302. outcome, 303. conditional, 304. delegate

305. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
306. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
307. an unworthy mo____e *n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way
308. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
309. acquire a vi____e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
310. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
311. political ins_____ty *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
312. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
313. ins_____ty in currency markets *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
314. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
315. tax re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
316. de_____e glycogen stores *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 305. increasingly, 306. context, 307. motive, 308. broad, 309. virtue, 310. responsible, 311. instability, 312. essential, 313. instability, 314. define, 315. revenue, 316. deplete

317. d_m and distant past	<i>adj.</i> poorly lit; not bright
318. deg_____on by heat	<i>n.</i> the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state
319. st__l at sea	<i>v.</i> to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
320. tr_____er power	<i>v.</i> to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
321. annual re_____e	<i>n.</i> the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
322. a picture fr__e	<i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
323. gr___y person	<i>adj.</i> having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
324. infrared sp_____um	<i>n.</i> an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
325. in___t capital	<i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
326. in_____te against disease	<i>v.</i> to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
327. cor_____le judges	<i>adj.</i> capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

ANSWERS: 317. dim, 318. degradation, 319. stall, 320. transfer, 321. revenue, 322. frame, 323. greedy, 324. spectrum, 325. invest, 326. inoculate, 327. corruptible

328. change her st___e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
329. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
330. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
331. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
332. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
333. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
334. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
335. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
336. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
337. sw__e a card *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
338. cultural ar_____r *n.* a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision

ANSWERS: 328. stance, 329. pandemic, 330. corruptible, 331. argue, 332. strike, 333. transfer, 334. sustainable, 335. globe, 336. government, 337. swipe, 338. arbiter

339. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
340. unn_____ry hassle *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
341. 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
342. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
343. st____e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
344. collapsed v__n *n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation
345. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
346. numerous un_____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
347. dis_____on him about reality *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
348. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

ANSWERS: 339. compromise, 340. unnecessary, 341. democracy, 342. critic, 343. strike, 344. vein, 345. planet, 346. uncertain, 347. disillusion, 348. framework

349. 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

350. capital-sc___e country

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

ANSWERS: 349. basis, 350. scarce

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

2. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

3. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

4. The _____ of friction on the icy road was dangerously low.
n. a numerical measure of a specific property or characteristic of a substance or system that is used in mathematical equations or formulas to predict behavior or outcomes; a factor that expresses the change in one variable per unit change in another variable

5. He tried to _____ the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.
v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

6. This business yields little _____.
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 1. Lean, 2. environment, 3. Capitalism, 4. coefficient, 5. swipe, 6. profit

7. Fresh water is becoming increasingly _____ in many parts of the world.
adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
8. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
9. She intends to _____ a political career.
v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
10. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
11. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
12. The project's success was _____ to the team's hard work.
v. to attribute something to a particular cause or source
13. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
14. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
adj. of or relating to a large company
15. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

ANSWERS: 7. scarce, 8. transferred, 9. pursue, 10. fostering, 11. tweet, 12. ascribed, 13. absolutely, 14. corporate, 15. Emerging

16. The book presents an _____ perspective on the role of government in society.
adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
17. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.
v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
18. The _____ of the internet has dramatically changed the way we communicate.
n. the arrival or beginning of something; the coming of Jesus Christ at his birth
19. The hikers finally reached the _____ after a long climb up the mountain.
n. an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
20. The team's failure to win games has caused them to _____ in confidence.
v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
21. 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
22. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
23. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 16. ideological, 17. sustain, 18. advent, 19. plateau, 20. regress, 21. context, 22. increasingly, 23. responsible

24. The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally _____.
- v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
25. The nurse inserted the needle into the _____ in his arm to draw blood.
- n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation
26. We have finally lost our last _____.
- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
27. Sweet _____ makes short days and nights.
- n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
28. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
- n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
29. She was tired and hungry, but _____ she persevered.
- adv.* in spite of that; yet
30. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.
- n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
31. She showed great _____ when standing up for her beliefs in opposition.
- n.* the spinal column of a vertebrate; a symbolic representation of strength and resilience

ANSWERS: 24. stalled, 25. vein, 26. prop, 27. discourse, 28. partnership, 29. nevertheless, 30. ideology, 31. backbone

32. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
33. The company's old _____ policies were the cause of its downfall.
adj. characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence
34. The oil price continued their downward _____.
n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing
35. He acci_____dented his car when he bumped into a tree.
v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
36. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
37. Both parties were pleased with the _____ discussion.
adj. willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
38. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
39. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
40. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 32. emissions, 33. dogmatic, 34. trend, 35. dentally, 36. essential, 37. open-minded, 38. planet, 39. outcome, 40. define

41. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
42. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
43. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
44. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
45. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
46. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
47. The extra steps in the process were deemed _____ and removed to streamline production.
adj. not needed or required; not essential or important
48. 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

ANSWERS: 41. progression, 42. opportune, 43. contract, 44. argue, 45. recognize, 46. improve, 47. unnecessary, 48. revisit

49. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
50. The _____ exercised great care in landing.
- n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
51. He cannot _____ a holiday.
- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
52. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
- n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
53. The team _____ in the championship game, leading to their defeat.
- v.* to perform less successfully or effectively than expected, needed, or desired; to fail to meet one's own or others' expectations or standards
54. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
55. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
56. 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

ANSWERS: 49. infrastructure, 50. pilot, 51. afford, 52. proposal, 53. underperformed, 54. develop, 55. mentioned, 56. government

57. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.
adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
58. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
59. The _____ of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.
n. the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
60. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
61. She _____ ignored his warning and continued with her dangerous behavior.
adv. in a way that is very obvious, unsubtle, or conspicuous; without any attempt to conceal or disguise
62. The company announced the _____ of its new product line next month.
n. the introduction or implementation of a new product, service, or system, particularly one that has been planned and developed over a period of time
63. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
64. 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

ANSWERS: 57. legitimate, 58. claim, 59. erosion, 60. expand, 61. blatantly, 62. rollout, 63. contribute, 64. definition,

65. 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
66. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
67. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
68. Your credit card is no longer _____.
adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
69. 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
70. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
71. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
72. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.
n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
73. The rise of _____ has led to increased international trade and cultural exchange.
n. a political, economic, and social outlook that emphasizes the importance of global cooperation and interdependence, often associated with free trade, globalization of culture, and the spread of technology

ANSWERS: 65. agenda, 66. declines, 67. corruptible, 68. valid, 69. individual, 70. strike, 71. decide, 72. humility, 73. globalism

74. The church split into two factions during the _____ in the 15th century.
- n.* a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief
75. Daily exercise and adequate sleep are necessary to prevent the progression of _____.
- n.* a decrease in size of a muscle, organ, etc., caused by disease or disuse
76. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
- n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
77. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
78. In southward, the average annual water _____ increases.
- n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
79. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
80. The _____ of the dispute will be an impartial judge.
- n.* a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision
81. They have no _____ to win the game.
- n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

ANSWERS: 74. schism, 75. atrophy, 76. ingenuity, 77. policy, 78. quantity, 79. prioritized, 80. arbiter, 81. incentive

82. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
83. For this project to be successful, we must control _____ strictly.
n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
84. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
85. _____ 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
86. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
87. The ___ light made it difficult to read the book.
adj. poorly lit; not bright
88. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
89. The organization works to _____ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.
v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

ANSWERS: 82. optimistic, 83. expenses, 84. advance, 85. Democracy, 86. disease, 87. dim, 88. sustainable, 89. rehabilitate

90. We have to _____ our foreign policy from ideology.

- v. to disconnect or separate something from something else that it was joined to or part of previously

91. If we continue to _____ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

- v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

92. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

- v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

93. He _____ with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

- v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

94. Due to the success of _____ programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.

- n. the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

95. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

- adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

96. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.

- n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

ANSWERS: 90. decouple, 91. deplete, 92. invest, 93. pleaded, 94. immunization, 95. fundamental, 96. plague

97. The national assembly has _____ the budget.

- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

98. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

99. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.

- adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

100. 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

101. His final goal is to sail around the _____.

- n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

102. Following the _____ from the professor, students rewrite their essays and submit them for final evaluation.

- n.* a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation

103. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 97. adopted, 98. argument, 99. greedy, 100. labor, 101. globe, 102. critique, 103. debate

104. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.

- n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

105. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.

- n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

106. The teacher needed to _____ the complex math problem before the students could solve it.

- v.* to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement

107. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.

- n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

108. The politician's solution to the problem was too _____ to solve the underlying issue.

- adj.* oversimplified or lacking in complexity or depth; characterized by an attempt to explain something complex or multifaceted with overly vague or simple terms

109. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

110. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

- adj.* very wide; general

ANSWERS: 104. sector, 105. delivery, 106. elucidate, 107. framework, 108. simplistic, 109. crisis, 110. broad

111. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

112. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

113. The new strategy will _____ the profitability of our company.

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

114. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

115. This project has been _____ for several years.

adj. having started and currently in progress

116. The _____ principle of every business was identical.

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

117. The _____ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

118. She felt _____ with the management and decided to leave.

v. to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

ANSWERS: 111. practical, 112. extent, 113. enhance, 114. rewards, 115. underway, 116. underlying, 117. utility, 118. disillusioned

119. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
120. Forgetting someone's name is a _____ occurrence.
adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
121. She had many good _____ and few faults.
n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
122. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
123. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.
adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose
124. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
125. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
126. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 119. discuss, 120. commonplace, 121. virtues, 122. statistics, 123. uncertain, 124. magic, 125. inequality, 126. propose

127. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
128. Many animal species are at risk of extinction due to human _____ and habitat destruction.
n. a situation in which the number of people or living organisms in a particular area or environment exceeds the carrying capacity or resources of that area or environment
129. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
130. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
131. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.
n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
132. A good _____ is never out of season.
n. a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
133. Her company soon won a _____ market share.
adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

ANSWERS: 127. engaged, 128. overpopulation, 129. economy, 130. negative, 131. corruption, 132. maxim, 133. dominant

134. Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional _____.
- n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
135. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
136. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
- n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
137. Laughing is _____ to our health.
- adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
138. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
- n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
139. I have limited _____ in my arms.
- n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
140. The detective tried to uncover the _____ behind the crime.
- n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way
141. He became in _____ after losing his job.
- n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

ANSWERS: 134. instability, 135. tradition, 136. spectrum, 137. beneficial, 138. blur, 139. mobility, 140. motive, 141. debt

142. The _____ problem defied a solution.

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

143. Many researchers are monitoring environmental _____ in real-time through satellites.

n. the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state

144. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

145. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

146. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

147. The _____ statement in the program tells the computer what to do next.

adj. depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions

148. The doctor _____ the child with a vaccine.

v. to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease

149. He worked on improving the equipment using the freeze-_____ method.

n. the process of removing salt, especially from seawater

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

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

ANSWERS: 142. intractable, 143. degradation, 144. poverty, 145. capita, 146. essence, 147. conditional, 148. inoculated, 149. desalination, 150. critics

151. 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

152. The _____ between good and evil is common in literature and philosophy.

- n.* a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; a sharp contrast between two opposing and mutually exclusive categories or concepts

153. Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade _____.

- n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

154. The company adjusted the revenue _____.

- adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

155. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

156. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.

- v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

157. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

158. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

- n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 151. struggle, 152. dichotomy, 153. deficit, 154. upward, 155. ultimate, 156. embody, 157. industrious, 158. accident

159. He continued to support her political _____.

- n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

160. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

161. Human beings have a _____ lifespan, so we yearn for the idea of immortality.

- adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.

162. The smell of baking bread _____ the kitchen.

- v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate

163. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

- v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

164. 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

165. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

166. The company's stock gives a high _____.

- n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

ANSWERS: 159. stance, 160. frame, 161. finite, 162. pervaded, 163. constrained, 164. basis, 165. improvisation, 166. yield

167. The kitchen knife had a _____ edge, making cutting through the tough steak difficult.
adj. rough or uneven in texture; lacking refinement or sensitivity in behavior, speech, or manners
168. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
169. The _____ from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.
n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
170. The fragrance of this material _____ over weeks to months.
v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
171. That car has a low environmental _____.
n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
172. How did he _____ to your idea?
v. to take action in response to something
173. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.
adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
174. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

ANSWERS: 167. coarse, 168. pandemic, 169. delegate, 170. wanes, 171. burden, 172. react, 173. risky, 174. revenue

175. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

ANSWERS: 175. compromised