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Session 1: Word List

- leak** *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
synonym : outflow, divulge, disclose
(1) **leak** data, (2) **leak** a classified memo
He **leaked** serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.
- exposed** *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
synonym : endangered, revealed, disclosed
(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock
Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
- vast** *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
synonym : expansive, extended, boundless
(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert
A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.
- offshore** *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
synonym : seaward, alongshore

(1) an **offshore** oil field, (2) an **offshore** fund

The company undertakes **offshore** development for software companies in many countries.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym: onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

slew

v. to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay;
(noun) a large number or amount or extent

synonym: slide, curve, (noun) heap

(1) **slew** around suddenly, (2) have a **slew** of ideas

He **slew** many Trojan warriors in this war.

deluge

n. a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something

synonym: flood, downpour, surge

(1) get caught in the **deluge**, (2) a **deluge** of fire

Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data **deluge**.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back

into the wild.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

synonym: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

insight

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

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

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

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

anonymous

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

synonym: nameless, unidentified, unnamed

(1) **anonymous** letter, (2) **anonymous** house

She received several **anonymous** calls.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love

reading.

mechanics

n. the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

synonym : kinematics, dynamics

(1) **mechanics** equation, (2) **mechanics** of the game
He studied **mechanics** in college and now works as an engineer.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past
Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

repercussion

n. an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action

synonym : impact, consequence, outcome

(1) the **repercussion** of an action, (2) cultural **repercussion**
The decision had far-reaching **repercussions** and affected many people.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister
After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym : bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**
The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

resigned

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or

resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

synonym : submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate

She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym : harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

allegation

n. an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law

synonym : claim, assertion, declaration

(1) baseless **allegations**, (2) **allegation** of corruption

The **allegation** of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.

trail

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

synonym : footpath, track, course

(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**

The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

cello

n. a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello

synonym : violoncello, violincello

(1) the beautiful sound of a **cello**, (2) **cello** music

She played a passionate solo on her **cello**.

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.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym : scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

spy

n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

synonym : agent, undercover operative

(1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools

The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

novel

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

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

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

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

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym: far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

healthcare

n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness

through services offered by the health profession

(1) **healthcare** agency, (2) rising **healthcare** cost

In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality **healthcare**.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym: disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym: extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

secrecy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

synonym: confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym: aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

exposition

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

synonym : explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

synonym : perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

stack

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

synonym : accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

enforcement

n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

synonym: implementation, application, execution

(1) **enforcement** action, (2) **enforcement** officer

The **enforcement** of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

journalist

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

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

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

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

coverage

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

synonym: reportage, scope, range

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

The scandal received widespread media **coverage**.

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.

prominent

adj. important, well-known, or noticeable

synonym : notable, distinguished, prominent

(1) **prominent** figure, (2) play a **prominent** role

The media frequently interviewed **prominent** scientists.

scandal

n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

synonym : controversy, outrage, uproar

(1) **scandal** magazine, (2) a corruption **scandal**

The political **scandal** rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

stash

v. to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use

synonym : hoard, stockpile, reserve

(1) **stash** gems in a safe, (2) **stash** your phone

He **stashed** away a large amount of money in a Swiss bank.

caiman

n. a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America

synonym : alligator, crocodile, reptile

(1) **caiman** conservation, (2) **caiman** population

The **caiman's** diet mainly consists of fish and small mammals.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym : worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

district

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

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

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

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

rip

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

synonym: tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof

During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

scam

n. a clever and dishonest, and often illegal, business scheme; a fraud

synonym: swindle, blackmail, deception

(1) a phishing **scam**, (2) **scam** phone call

That bank employee prevented the older woman from falling for the **scam**.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

undercover

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

synonym: covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist

The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

investigator

n. a person whose job is to conduct an investigation or inquiry into something, often to gather information or evidence

synonym : inspector, sleuth, detective

(1) private **investigator**, (2) clinical **investigator**

The forensic **investigator** collected DNA samples from the crime scene to identify the perpetrator

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym : assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

yacht

n. a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities

synonym : boat, vessel, ship

(1) **yacht** owner, (2) luxury **yacht**

We spent the weekend sailing our **yacht** around the Mediterranean.

jet

n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

synonym : plane, aircraft, flier

(1) private **jet**, (2) commercial **jet**

The **jet** flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym : startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

preliminary

adj. serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision

synonym : initial, preparatory, introductory

(1) **preliminary** investigation, (2) **preliminary** agreement

Before starting the project, we need to go through some **preliminary** research and planning.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

entrench

v. to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area

synonym : establish, fortify, secure

(1) **entrench** power, (2) **entrench** beliefs

The general tried to **entrench** his troops on the hill to avoid the attack.

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.

evasion

n. the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation

synonym : escape, avoidance, dodging

(1) **evasion** of responsibility, (2) take shelter in **evasion**

The **evasion** of his responsibility was reprehensible.

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.

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**.

tackle

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

synonym : deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

gloom

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

synonym : darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

synonym: clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials

The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

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.

summit

n. the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

synonym: peak, top, crest

(1) reach the **summit**, (2) **summit** talks

The climbers reached the mountain's **summit** after a long and challenging journey.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

lag

v. to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.

synonym: delay, slow down, fall behind

(1) **lag** a long way behind the progress, (2) **lag** behind its competition

Our interest began to **lag** sharply.

bipartisan

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

synonym: neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym: act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and

engaging.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

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.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym: glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

identity

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

synonym: character, personality, individuality

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

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

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.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

laundry

n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

synonym: wash, clothes, linen

(1) send out the **laundry**, (2) **laundry** room

I need to do the **laundry** before I run out of clean clothes.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

Session 2: Spelling

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ANSWERS: 1. structure, 2. summit, 3. baffle, 4. scam, 5. novel, 6. shocking, 7. expose, 8. phenomenal, 9. exposed

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ANSWERS: 10. employee, 11. recognize, 12. Senate, 13. thrill, 14. minister, 15. confuse, 16. allegation, 17. investigator, 18. lift

19. an of_____re oil field *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
20. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
21. s__w around suddenly *v.* to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
22. an international exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
23. a corruption sc_____l *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
24. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
25. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
26. pre_____ry investigation *adj.* serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision
27. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
28. the beautiful sound of a ce__o *n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello

ANSWERS: 19. offshore, 20. tackle, 21. slew, 22. exposition, 23. scandal, 24. vital, 25. release, 26. preliminary, 27. corruption, 28. cello

29. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
30. st__h gems in a safe *v.* to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
31. sneak p__k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
32. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
33. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
34. private j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
35. r_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
36. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
37. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
38. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
39. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

ANSWERS: 29. president, 30. stash, 31. peek, 32. release, 33. dictator, 34. jet, 35. rip, 36. investor, 37. district, 38. structure, 39. stack

40. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
41. l__k a classified memo *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
42. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
43. ca____n conservation *n.* a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America
44. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
45. en_____ch power *v.* to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
46. private inv_____tor *n.* a person whose job is to conduct an investigation or inquiry into something, often to gather information or evidence
47. wi_____s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
48. a warm tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

ANSWERS: 40. transparency, 41. leak, 42. suspect, 43. caiman, 44. doll, 45. entrench, 46. investigator, 47. witness, 48. trail

49. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
50. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
51. full-co_____ge insurance *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
52. ce__o music *n.* a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello
53. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
54. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
55. an of_____re fund *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
56. su___t talks *n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

ANSWERS: 49. introduction, 50. nation, 51. coverage, 52. cello, 53. exchange, 54. vital, 55. offshore, 56. summit

57. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
58. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
59. historical no___l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
60. an or____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
61. rag d___l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
62. sta____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
63. cultural rep____ion *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
64. p___k at others' misfortune *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
65. with a re____ed voice *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
66. play a pr____nt role *adj.* important, well-known, or noticeable
67. a private ind____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 57. nation, 58. agenda, 59. novel, 60. ordinary, 61. doll, 62. statistics, 63. repercussion, 64. peek, 65. resigned, 66. prominent, 67. individual

68. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
69. me_____cs of the game *n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
70. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
71. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
72. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
73. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
74. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
75. ta___e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
76. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
77. 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

ANSWERS: 68. vulnerable, 69. mechanics, 70. lift, 71. journalist, 72. phenomenal, 73. individual, 74. exposed, 75. tackle, 76. nervous, 77. recognize

78. l_g a long way behind the progress *v.* to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.
79. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
80. ambitious ag___a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
81. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
82. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
83. send out the la_____y *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
84. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
85. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic
86. r_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
87. gl__m-filled room *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

ANSWERS: 78. lag, 79. transparency, 80. agenda, 81. exchange, 82. politician, 83. laundry, 84. employee, 85. prime, 86. rip, 87. gloom

88. an_____us house *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
89. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
90. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
91. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
92. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
93. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
94. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
95. commercial j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
96. br___l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
97. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
98. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
99. di_____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

ANSWERS: 88. anonymous, 89. nervous, 90. identity, 91. vast, 92. doom, 93. asset, 94. pose, 95. jet, 96. brutal, 97. doom, 98. plot, 99. disguise

100. a sense of gl__m *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
101. the rep_____ion of an action *n.* an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action
102. sc_____l magazine *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
103. take shelter in ev_____n *n.* the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation
104. l__k data *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
105. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
106. the th____l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
107. co____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
108. pre_____ry agreement *adj.* serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision

ANSWERS: 100. gloom, 101. repercussion, 102. scandal, 103. evasion, 104. leak, 105. firm, 106. thrill, 107. commit, 108. preliminary

109. ba___e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
110. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
111. pr_____nt figure *adj.* important, well-known, or noticeable
112. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
113. excessive op_____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
114. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
115. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
116. und_____er journalist *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
117. political ins_____ty *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
118. government se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

ANSWERS: 109. baffle, 110. firm, 111. prominent, 112. union, 113. optimist, 114. legislation, 115. flourish, 116. undercover, 117. instability, 118. secrecy

119. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
120. a phishing s__m *n.* a clever and dishonest, and often illegal, business scheme; a fraud
121. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
122. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
123. ca___n population *n.* a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America
124. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
125. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
126. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
127. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
128. st__h your phone *v.* to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
129. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

ANSWERS: 119. corruption, 120. scam, 121. disguise, 122. asset, 123. caiman, 124. insight, 125. commit, 126. identity, 127. suspect, 128. stash, 129. immediate

130. I_g behind its competition *v.* to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.
131. ex___e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
132. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
133. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
134. an_____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
135. di_____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
136. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
137. enf_____nt officer *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
138. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
139. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 130. lag, 131. expose, 132. union, 133. shocking, 134. anonymous, 135. distant, 136. poverty, 137. enforcement, 138. legislation, 139. statistics

140. get caught in the de___e *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
141. maintain se____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
142. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
143. a real estate in____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
144. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
145. have a s__w of ideas *v.* to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
146. und_____er operation *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
147. follow the tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
148. bip_____an agreement *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
149. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
150. promote bip_____an cooperation *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

ANSWERS: 140. deluge, 141. secrecy, 142. immediate, 143. investor, 144. journalist, 145. slew, 146. undercover, 147. trail, 148. bipartisan, 149. veil, 150. bipartisan

151. luxury ya__t *n.* a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities
152. a di____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
153. ev____n of responsibility *n.* the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation
154. vul____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
155. rational exp____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
156. enf____nt action *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
157. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
158. fl____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
159. urban di____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
160. a de___e of fire *n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something

ANSWERS: 151. yacht, 152. distant, 153. evasion, 154. vulnerable, 155. exposition, 156. enforcement, 157. pose, 158. flourish, 159. district, 160. deluge

161. op_____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
162. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
163. rising hea_____re cost *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
164. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
165. en_____ch beliefs *v.* to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
166. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
167. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
168. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic
169. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 161. optimist, 162. president, 163. healthcare, 164. confuse, 165. entrench, 166. vast, 167. plot, 168. prime, 169. politician

170. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
171. hea_____re agency *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
172. ins_____ty in currency markets *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
173. all_____on of corruption *n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
174. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
175. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
176. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
177. la_____y room *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
178. digital s_y tools *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

ANSWERS: 170. poverty, 171. healthcare, 172. instability, 173. allegation, 174. ordinary, 175. progression, 176. dictator, 177. laundry, 178. spy

179. high st__k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
180. s_y cameras *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
181. re____ed to their fate *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
182. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
183. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
184. contractual co_____ge *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
185. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
186. ya__t owner *n.* a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities

ANSWERS: 179. stack, 180. spy, 181. resigned, 182. introduction, 183. minister, 184. coverage, 185. Senate, 186. yacht

187. a material wi_____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
188. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
189. me_____cs equation *n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
190. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
191. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
192. br___l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel

ANSWERS: 187. witness, 188. insight, 189. mechanics, 190. progression, 191. veil, 192. brutal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She played a passionate solo on her _____.
n. a large stringed instrument of the viola family, typically held between the knees when played; also known as violoncello
2. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
3. The political _____ rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.
n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
4. The legislation was passed with _____ support from both parties.
adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
5. The _____ of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.
n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
6. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
7. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 1. cello, 2. district, 3. scandal, 4. bipartisan, 5. enforcement, 6. politician, 7. release

8. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
9. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
10. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.
- v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
11. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
12. The main discussion topic is government _____.
- n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
13. He _____ serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.
- v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
14. He _____ away a large amount of money in a Swiss bank.
- v.* to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
15. 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
16. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 8. dictator, 9. suspected, 10. tackle, 11. structure, 12. transparency, 13. leaked, 14. stashed, 15. recognize, 16. president

17. He studied _____ in college and now works as an engineer.
- n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
18. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.
- n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
19. 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
20. He lifted her _____ with both hands.
- n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
21. 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
22. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
- adj.* main or most important; basic
23. The general tried to _____ his troops on the hill to avoid the attack.
- v.* to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
24. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 17. mechanics, 18. stack, 19. individual, 20. veil, 21. progression, 22. prime, 23. entrench, 24. identity

25. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

v. to do something illegal or wrong

26. The company's _____ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

27. In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality _____.

n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

28. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.

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

29. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

30. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

adj. harsh or cruel

31. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

32. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

ANSWERS: 25. committed, 26. secrecy, 27. healthcare, 28. corruption, 29. firm, 30. brutal, 31. confused, 32. disguised

33. The athlete's _____ performance broke all previous records.

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

34. The decision had far-reaching _____ and affected many people.

n. an effect or consequence of something, especially an unwelcome one, of an event or action

35. I need to do the _____ before I run out of clean clothes.

n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

36. We spent the weekend sailing our _____ around the Mediterranean.

n. a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities

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

n. the condition of being extremely poor

38. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

39. The _____ of his responsibility was reprehensible.

n. the act of avoiding or escaping from someone or something, such as an opponent, a pursuer, or an unpleasant situation

40. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 33. phenomenal, 34. repercussions, 35. laundry, 36. yacht, 37. poverty, 38. exposed, 39. evasion, 40. vulnerable

41. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
42. She had a _____ look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.
adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
43. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
44. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
45. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
46. Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional _____.
n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
47. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
48. The _____ flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.
n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

ANSWERS: 41. doom, 42. resigned, 43. insights, 44. lifted, 45. vast, 46. instability, 47. optimist, 48. jet

49. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

50. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

51. The paradox _____ most philosophers.

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

52. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

53. The forensic _____ collected DNA samples from the crime scene to identify the perpetrator

n. a person whose job is to conduct an investigation or inquiry into something, often to gather information or evidence

54. The scandal received widespread media _____.

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

55. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

56. The _____ police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

ANSWERS: 49. witnessing, 50. flourished, 51. baffled, 52. thrill, 53. investigator, 54. coverage, 55. nervous, 56. undercover

57. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

58. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

59. The _____ diet mainly consists of fish and small mammals.

n. a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America

60. The company undertakes _____ development for software companies in many countries.

adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land

61. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

62. He _____ many Trojan warriors in this war.

v. to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent

63. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 57. employee, 58. ordinary, 59. caiman's, 60. offshore, 61. distant, 62. slew, 63. asset

64. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
65. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.
- v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
66. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
67. The media frequently interviewed _____ scientists.
- adj.* important, well-known, or noticeable
68. Recent developments in data analysis techniques have been instrumental in finding insights from the data _____.
- n.* a severe flood; an overwhelming number or amount of something
69. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
70. Our interest began to ____ sharply.
- v.* to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.

ANSWERS: 64. nation, 65. exposed, 66. exchange, 67. prominent, 68. deluge, 69. journalists, 70. lag

71. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.
n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
72. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
73. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
74. The _____ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.
n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
75. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.
n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
76. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.
adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
77. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.
n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
78. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.
adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

ANSWERS: 71. investors, 72. doll, 73. pose, 74. gloom, 75. minister, 76. immediate, 77. union, 78. vital

79. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
80. The ____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
81. The _____ of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.
- n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
82. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.
- n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
83. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.
- adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
84. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
- n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
85. The government recruited a ____ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell
- n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

ANSWERS: 79. statistics, 80. plot, 81. allegation, 82. trail, 83. shocking, 84. Senate, 85. spy

86. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
87. Before starting the project, we need to go through some _____ research and planning.
- adj.* serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision
88. During transit, the stuff may ____ off the luggage tag.
- v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
89. She took a quick _____ inside the box before closing it again.
- n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
90. 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
91. The climbers reached the mountain's _____ after a long and challenging journey.
- n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
92. That bank employee prevented the older woman from falling for the _____.
- n.* a clever and dishonest, and often illegal, business scheme; a fraud
93. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 86. novel, 87. preliminary, 88. rip, 89. peek, 90. agenda, 91. summit, 92. scam, 93. introduction

94. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.
- n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
95. She received several _____ calls.
- adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
96. The _____ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
- n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

ANSWERS: 94. legislation, 95. anonymous, 96. exposition