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Session 1: Word List

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

hotshot

n. a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart

synonym: ace, expert, superstar

(1) marketing **hotshot**, (2) **hotshot** athlete

The **hotshot** detective quickly solved the case, impressing even his jaded colleagues.

revolutionize

v. to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

synonym: transform, innovate, modernize

(1) **revolutionize** the industry, (2) **revolutionize** the technology

The invention of the smartphone **revolutionized** the way we communicate with each other.

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

parable

n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

synonym: allegory, fable, tale

(1) **parable** story, (2) biblical **parable**

Jesus quoted **parables** to teach important lessons to his disciples.

apartheid

n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

synonym: segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym : reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

hairstyle

n. the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head

synonym : hairdo, coiffure, haircut

(1) modern **hairstyle**, (2) bob **hairstyle**

My sister got a new **hairstyle** for her job interview.

invariably

adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception

synonym : consistently, always, uniformly

(1) **invariably** polite, (2) **invariably** correct

She **invariably** arrived at the office early each day.

pediatrics

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym : pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

cardiologist

n. a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system

synonym: heart doctor, heart specialist, cardiac specialist

(1) **cardiologist** appointment, (2) skilled **cardiologist**

My grandfather is seeing a **cardiologist** to monitor his heart condition.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

stairway

n. a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety

synonym: staircase, steps

(1) **stairway** railing, (2) narrow **stairway**

The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble **stairway** that curved gracefully upwards.

bemoan

v. to express regret or disappointment about; to lament

synonym: lament, grieve, mourn

(1) **bemoan** his death, (2) **bemoan** a situation

He **bemoaned** the state of the world and wished for change.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

orphan

n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

synonym: waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) **orphan** care, (2) asylum for **orphan** children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym: bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

worthless

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

synonym: valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

sparkle

v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

synonym: shine, glimmer, twinkle

(1) **sparkle** like a gem, (2) **sparkle** from receiving light

The diamond **sparkled** in the sunlight.

fibrosis

n. the formation of excess fibrous connective tissue in an organ or tissue, often associated with inflammation, scarring, or injury; a pathological condition that can affect various organs and tissues of the body, leading to impaired function and potential organ failure

synonym: scarring, hardening, fibrotic disease

(1) **fibrosis** diagnosis, (2) pulmonary **fibrosis**

The doctor diagnosed him with cardiac **fibrosis**, which put him at risk for heart failure.

cyst

n. a sac, cavity, or abnormal growth in the body that is typically filled with fluid or semisolid material; usually benign but can also be cancerous and require treatment

synonym : abscess, sac, lump

(1) **cyst** removal, (2) ovarian **cyst**

The patient was sent for an X-ray to determine the cause of the **cyst** in her abdomen.

emphysema

n. a chronic respiratory disease often caused by smoking or exposure to air pollutants, characterized by damage to the lungs over time, which results in shortness of breath and other respiratory symptoms

synonym : COPD, lung disease, respiratory disorder

(1) **emphysema** treatment, (2) chronic **emphysema**

The onset of **emphysema** can be gradual, with symptoms appearing over several years.

conceptualization

n. the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations

synonym : conception, formulation, thought

(1) **conceptualization** of a problem, (2) the **conceptualization** of the sculpture

The **conceptualization** of the project took several weeks to complete.

indefinitely

adv. without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time

synonym : endlessly, permanently, perpetually

(1) postpone a meeting **indefinitely**, (2) **indefinitely** suspended

The construction project has been delayed **indefinitely** due to the pandemic.

decode

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

synonym: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences
The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

long-lasting

adj. existing or continuing for a long time

synonym: enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship
They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

recollection

n. the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

synonym: memory, reminiscence, remembrance

(1) a vague **recollection**, (2) **recollection** of a traumatic event
The older man's **recollections** of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.

recapitulate

v. to summarize or repeat the main points of something

synonym: summarize, repeat, restate

(1) **recapitulate** briefly, (2) **recapitulate** a speech
He **recapitulated** the main points of the meeting for those who had not been able to attend.

revive

v. to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

synonym: reanimate, rejuvenate, renew

(1) **revive** my energy, (2) **revive** an old friendship
They **revived** the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.

robotic

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

synonym : automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym : nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym : wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym : crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

simulacrum

n. an image, representation, or imitation of something or someone, often used to refer to an artificial or unreal copy or substitute that lacks true or genuine qualities

synonym : imitation, replica, copy

(1) **simulacrum** artwork, (2) symbolic **simulacrum**

The artist created a striking **simulacrum** of a famous painting using different materials.

doppelganger

n. a person who closely resembles or is a double of another person, often used to describe an uncanny similarity in appearance between two individuals

synonym: look-alike, twin, replica

(1) celebrity **doppelganger**, (2) evil **doppelganger**

The actress's **doppelganger** was hired to perform the more dangerous stunts in the film.

cryonics

n. the practice of freezing a person's body after death in the hope that future technology will be able to revive them and restore them to life

synonym: cryopreservation, low-temperature storage, cryostasis

(1) **cryonics** research, (2) **cryonics** storage

Several organizations offer **cryonics** services for those wishing to preserve their bodies after death.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. chronic em_____ma | <i>n.</i> a chronic respiratory disease often caused by smoking or exposure to air pollutants, characterized by damage to the lungs over time, which results in shortness of breath and other respiratory symptoms |
| 2. em_____ma treatment | <i>n.</i> a chronic respiratory disease often caused by smoking or exposure to air pollutants, characterized by damage to the lungs over time, which results in shortness of breath and other respiratory symptoms |
| 3. dis_____ue party | <i>n.</i> a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance |
| 4. pa_____e story | <i>n.</i> a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson |
| 5. sp_____e from receiving light | <i>v.</i> to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy |
| 6. ge_____l bleeding | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs |
| 7. environmental det_____nt | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 8. cr_____cs research | <i>n.</i> the practice of freezing a person's body after death in the hope that future technology will be able to revive them and restore them to life |

ANSWERS: 1. emphysema, 2. emphysema, 3. discotheque, 4. parable, 5. sparkle, 6. genital, 7. determinant, 8. cryonics

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| 9. me_____al chemistry | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 10. cannot log in to the a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 11. the con_____ion of the sculpture | <i>n.</i> the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations |
| 12. secret s__t | <i>n.</i> a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream |
| 13. rec_____ion of a traumatic event | <i>n.</i> the act of remembering or the state of being remembered |
| 14. be___n his death | <i>v.</i> to express regret or disappointment about; to lament |
| 15. c__t removal | <i>n.</i> a sac, cavity, or abnormal growth in the body that is typically filled with fluid or semisolid material; usually benign but can also be cancerous and require treatment |
| 16. pulmonary fi_____is | <i>n.</i> the formation of excess fibrous connective tissue in an organ or tissue, often associated with inflammation, scarring, or injury; a pathological condition that can affect various organs and tissues of the body, leading to impaired function and potential organ failure |

ANSWERS: 9. medicinal, 10. app, 11. conceptualization, 12. sect, 13. recollection, 14. bemoan, 15. cyst, 16. fibrosis

17. a lon_____ing friendship *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
18. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
19. modern ha_____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
20. st_____ay railing *n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
21. ped_____cs clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
22. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
23. lon_____ing battery *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
24. de___e a message *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
25. postpone a meeting ind_____ely *adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
26. symbolic sim_____um *n.* an image, representation, or imitation of something or someone, often used to refer to an artificial or unreal copy or substitute that lacks true or genuine qualities
27. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 17. long-lasting, 18. determinant, 19. hairstyle, 20. stairway, 21. pediatrics, 22. canoe, 23. long-lasting, 24. decode, 25. indefinitely, 26. simulacrum, 27. anthropology

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| 28. or___n care | <i>n.</i> a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them |
| 29. ho_____t athlete | <i>n.</i> a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart |
| 30. st__k landscape | <i>adj.</i> empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications |
| 31. cr_____cs storage | <i>n.</i> the practice of freezing a person's body after death in the hope that future technology will be able to revive them and restore them to life |
| 32. a vague rec_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of remembering or the state of being remembered |
| 33. dis_____ue scene | <i>n.</i> a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance |
| 34. marketing ho_____t | <i>n.</i> a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart |
| 35. car_____ng process | <i>n.</i> the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly |
| 36. rev_____ize the industry | <i>v.</i> to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas |
| 37. pro_____st of drama | <i>n.</i> the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories |
| 38. skilled car_____ist | <i>n.</i> a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system |

ANSWERS: 28. orphan, 29. hotshot, 30. stark, 31. cryonics, 32. recollection, 33. discotheque, 34. hotshot, 35. caregiving, 36. revolutionize, 37. protagonist, 38. cardiologist

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| 39. car_____ng responsibilities | <i>n.</i> the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly |
| 40. pain in the ge_____l area | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs |
| 41. an_____or language | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 42. biblical pa_____e | <i>n.</i> a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson |
| 43. wo_____ss coin | <i>adj.</i> having no value or usefulness; not worth considering |
| 44. inv_____ly polite | <i>adv.</i> in every case or on every occasion; without exception |
| 45. ped_____cs department | <i>n.</i> the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children |
| 46. make ast_____ng gains | <i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe |
| 47. rec_____ate briefly | <i>v.</i> to summarize or repeat the main points of something |
| 48. ant_____ogy of religion | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species |
| 49. evil dop_____ger | <i>n.</i> a person who closely resembles or is a double of another person, often used to describe an uncanny similarity in appearance between two individuals |
| 50. play a pro_____st | <i>n.</i> the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories |

ANSWERS: 39. caregiving, 40. genital, 41. ancestor, 42. parable, 43. worthless, 44. invariably, 45. pediatrics, 46. astonishing, 47. recapitulate, 48. anthropology, 49. doppelganger, 50. protagonist

51. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
52. rec_____ate a speech *v.* to summarize or repeat the main points of something
53. re___e my energy *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
54. fi_____is diagnosis *n.* the formation of excess fibrous connective tissue in an organ or tissue, often associated with inflammation, scarring, or injury; a pathological condition that can affect various organs and tissues of the body, leading to impaired function and potential organ failure
55. sim_____um artwork *n.* an image, representation, or imitation of something or someone, often used to refer to an artificial or unreal copy or substitute that lacks true or genuine qualities
56. ro_____c guide operation *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
57. ability to de___e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
58. ca___e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

ANSWERS: 51. slam, 52. recapitulate, 53. revive, 54. fibrosis, 55. simulacrum, 56. robotic, 57. decode, 58. canoe

59. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
60. inv_____ly correct *adv.* in every case or on every occasion; without exception
61. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
62. con_____ion of a problem *n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
63. ap_____id system *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
64. car_____ist appointment *n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system
65. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
66. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
67. narrow st_____ay *n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
68. bob ha_____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
69. asylum for or____n children *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

ANSWERS: 59. roam, 60. invariably, 61. astonishing, 62. conceptualization, 63. apartheid, 64. cardiologist, 65. medicinal, 66. stark, 67. stairway, 68. hairstyle, 69. orphan

70. be___n a situation *v.* to express regret or disappointment about; to lament
71. ro____c arm *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
72. celebrity dop_____ger *n.* a person who closely resembles or is a double of another person, often used to describe an uncanny similarity in appearance between two individuals
73. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
74. ovarian c__t *n.* a sac, cavity, or abnormal growth in the body that is typically filled with fluid or semisolid material; usually benign but can also be cancerous and require treatment
75. ap_____id policies *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
76. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
77. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
78. re___e an old friendship *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

ANSWERS: 70. bemoan, 71. robotic, 72. doppelganger, 73. app, 74. cyst, 75. apartheid, 76. slam, 77. ancestor, 78. revive

79. ind_____ely suspended *adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
80. wo_____ss stock *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
81. sp_____e like a gem *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
82. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
83. rev_____ize the technology *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
84. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

ANSWERS: 79. indefinitely, 80. worthless, 81. sparkle, 82. sect, 83. revolutionize, 84. roam

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.
v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
2. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
3. I am studying _____ in medical school because I love working with children.
n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
4. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
5. The construction project has been delayed _____ due to the pandemic.
adv. without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
6. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
7. The little girl was a war _____ and lived in a group home.
n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
8. My grandfather is seeing a _____ to monitor his heart condition.
n. a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system

ANSWERS: 1. slammed, 2. protagonist's, 3. pediatrics, 4. app's, 5. indefinitely, 6. anthropology, 7. orphan, 8. cardiologist

9. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
10. He _____ the main points of the meeting for those who had not been able to attend.
v. to summarize or repeat the main points of something
11. My sister got a new _____ for her job interview.
n. the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
12. The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble _____ that curved gracefully upwards.
n. a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
13. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.
adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
14. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
15. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
16. The doctor diagnosed him with cardiac _____ which put him at risk for heart failure.
n. the formation of excess fibrous connective tissue in an organ or tissue, often associated with inflammation, scarring, or injury; a pathological condition that can affect various organs and tissues of the body, leading to impaired function and potential organ failure

ANSWERS: 9. sect, 10. recapitulated, 11. hairstyle, 12. stairway, 13. stark, 14. medicinal, 15. ancestor, 16. fibrosis,

17. The patient was sent for an X-ray to determine the cause of the _____ in her abdomen.
- n.* a sac, cavity, or abnormal growth in the body that is typically filled with fluid or semisolid material; usually benign but can also be cancerous and require treatment
18. She devoted her life to _____ looking after her aging parents.
- n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
19. The South African government enforced _____ laws that segregated people based on race.
- n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
20. The _____ of the project took several weeks to complete.
- n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
21. The invention of the smartphone _____ the way we communicate with each other.
- v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
22. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
- adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
23. The older man's _____ of his youth were filled with stories of adventure and romance.
- n.* the act of remembering or the state of being remembered

ANSWERS: 17. cyst, 18. caregiving, 19. apartheid, 20. conceptualization, 21. revolutionized, 22. astonishing, 23. recollections

24. He _____ the state of the world and wished for change.
v. to express regret or disappointment about; to lament
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n. a highly skilled or successful person, especially in a competitive field; a show-off or braggart
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v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
27. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
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n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
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30. Jesus quoted _____ to teach important lessons to his disciples.
n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
31. The software could _____ the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.
v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

ANSWERS: 24. bemoaned, 25. hotshot, 26. roam, 27. determinant, 28. discotheque, 29. revived, 30. parables, 31. decode

32. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

33. The surgeon removed the tumor using _____ video assistance.

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

34. The actress's _____ was hired to perform the more dangerous stunts in the film.

n. a person who closely resembles or is a double of another person, often used to describe an uncanny similarity in appearance between two individuals

35. They finally decided to solve the _____ problem.

adj. existing or continuing for a long time

36. The onset of _____ can be gradual, with symptoms appearing over several years.

n. a chronic respiratory disease often caused by smoking or exposure to air pollutants, characterized by damage to the lungs over time, which results in shortness of breath and other respiratory symptoms

37. After the accident, the police found an empty _____.

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

38. The artist created a striking _____ of a famous painting using different materials.

n. an image, representation, or imitation of something or someone, often used to refer to an artificial or unreal copy or substitute that lacks true or genuine qualities

ANSWERS: 32. genital, 33. robotic, 34. doppelganger, 35. long-lasting, 36. emphysema, 37. canoe, 38. simulacrum

39. The diamond _____ in the sunlight.

v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

40. She _____ arrived at the office early each day.

adv. in every case or on every occasion; without exception

41. Several organizations offer _____ services for those wishing to preserve their bodies after death.

n. the practice of freezing a person's body after death in the hope that future technology will be able to revive them and restore them to life

42. The product was found to be _____ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

ANSWERS: 39. sparkled, 40. invariably, 41. cryonics, 42. worthless