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Session 1: Word List

savannah

n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

synonym : grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

instigator

n. a person who incites, provokes or encourages others to engage in an action, often involving conflict, controversy, or mischief

synonym : provoker, agitator, catalyst

(1) political **instigator**, (2) violent **instigator**

The internet troll was the **instigator** of a heated argument on social media.

symmetrical

adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

synonym: harmonious, balanced, proportional

(1) **symmetrical** triangle, (2) **symmetrical** pattern

This figure is **symmetrical** about the x-axis.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

inequity

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

synonym: injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

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.

khaki

n. a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name

synonym: tan, beige, sand

(1) **khaki** jacket, (2) **khaki** shorts

The safari guide wore a **khaki** hat to protect himself from the sun.

contraceptive

adj. relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

synonym: preventive, prophylactic, antifertility

(1) **contraceptive** measures, (2) hormonal **contraceptive**

The **contraceptive** patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

condom

n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

synonym: prophylactic, rubber, sheath

(1) **condom** brand, (2) safe **condom** use

Using a **condom** during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

embroil

v. to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate

synonym: involve, complicate, entangle

(1) **embroil** him in a controversy, (2) **embroil** in controversy

The scandal **embroiled** the company's CEO and other high-level executives.

smallpox

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

synonym: variola

(1) **smallpox** epidemic, (2) **smallpox** vaccine

An outbreak of **smallpox** occurred in the 1920s.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

measles

n. a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

synonym: rash, red measles, rubella

(1) **measles** outbreak, (2) **measles** vaccine

The school sent a notice of a **measles** case in one of the classrooms.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

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.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym : upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

panacea

n. a remedy or solution that is believed to be a cure for all illnesses or problems; something that is seen as a universal cure-all

synonym : cure-all, elixir, miracle cure

(1) **panacea** solution, (2) no **panacea** for economic woes

Many people believe that exercise is the **panacea** for all health problems.

angst

n. a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

synonym : anxiety, worry, stress

(1) an endless stream of **angst**, (2) with no **angst**

He felt a sense of **angst** about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be

influenced by their experiences and biases.

polio

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

synonym: poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

visceral

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

synonym: instinctive, intuitive, gut

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

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

leishmaniasis

n. a parasitic disease caused by the Leishmania parasites, transmitted through the bite of infected sandflies, which can manifest as cutaneous leishmaniasis (= affecting the skin), visceral leishmaniasis (= affecting internal organs), or mucocutaneous leishmaniasis (= affecting mucous membranes)

synonym: kala-azar, black fever, oriental sore

(1) treatment for **leishmaniasis**, (2) visceral **leishmaniasis**

The first symptoms of cutaneous **leishmaniasis** are usually skin sores that may become ulcers with time.

dropout

n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

synonym: noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym: shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

headlight

n. a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

synonym: headlamp, beam, lamp

(1) **headlight** adjustment, (2) **headlight** switch

My car's **headlight** must be replaced before I drive again at night.

diligent

adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

synonym: active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files

The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym: mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

tweet

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

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

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

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

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym: shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

homogenize

v. to make something uniform or consistent in composition or character, often by mixing or blending different elements

synonym: standardize, assimilate, conform

(1) **homogenize** data, (2) **homogenize** society

The company aimed to **homogenize** its products to appeal to a broader range of consumers.

ingenuity

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

synonym: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

envy

- v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

synonym: covet, resent, grudge

(1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him

I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

dent

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

synonym: indent, depress, mark

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. boundless gen_____ty
n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
2. market in_____ty
n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
3. sym_____al triangle
adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
4. vi_____al organ
adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
5. me_____s vaccine
n. a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
6. c__p wood
v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
7. career tra_____ry
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
8. oil bil_____re
n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
9. act of gen_____ty
n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
10. d_e rabbit
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 1. generosity, 2. inequity, 3. symmetrical, 4. visceral, 5. measles, 6. chop, 7. trajectory, 8. billionaire, 9. generosity, 10. doe

11. vi_____al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
12. hom_____ze data *v.* to make something uniform or consistent in composition or character, often by mixing or blending different elements
13. Silicon Valley bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
14. fishing h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
15. wo_____ss coin *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
16. con_____ive measures *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
17. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
18. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
19. phe_____al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
20. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

ANSWERS: 11. visceral, 12. homogenize, 13. billionaire, 14. hut, 15. worthless, 16. contraceptive, 17. tweet, 18. stun, 19. phenomenal, 20. ingenuity

21. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
22. feeling e__y toward him *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
23. sm_____ox epidemic *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
24. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
25. an endless stream of an__t *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
26. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
27. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
28. he_____ht switch *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

ANSWERS: 21. chop, 22. envy, 23. smallpox, 24. stun, 25. angst, 26. philanthropy, 27. intuition, 28. headlight

29. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
30. dr_____t student *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
31. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
32. em_____l him in a controversy *v.* to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate
33. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
34. treatment for lei_____sis *n.* a parasitic disease caused by the Leishmania parasites, transmitted through the bite of infected sandflies, which can manifest as cutaneous leishmaniasis (= affecting the skin), visceral leishmaniasis (= affecting internal organs), or mucocutaneous leishmaniasis (= affecting mucous membranes)
35. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
36. do a bra_____ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
37. pa_____a solution *n.* a remedy or solution that is believed to be a cure for all illnesses or problems; something that is seen as a universal cure-all

ANSWERS: 29. opportune, 30. dropout, 31. hut, 32. embroil, 33. philanthropy, 34. leishmaniasis, 35. phenomenal, 36. brainstorming, 37. panacea

38. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. up____t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
40. sm_____ox vaccine *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
41. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
42. violent ins_____or *n.* a person who incites, provokes or encourages others to engage in an action, often involving conflict, controversy, or mischief
43. hormonal con_____ive *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
44. hom_____ze society *v.* to make something uniform or consistent in composition or character, often by mixing or blending different elements
45. in_____ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
46. safe co____m use *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

ANSWERS: 38. opportune, 39. uplift, 40. smallpox, 41. ingenuity, 42. instigator, 43. contraceptive, 44. homogenize, 45. inequity, 46. condom

47. political ins____or *n.* a person who incites, provokes or encourages others to engage in an action, often involving conflict, controversy, or mischief
48. he____ht adjustment *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
49. pronounce m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
50. po__o eradication *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
51. d__t his pride *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
52. d__t removal *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
53. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 47. instigator, 48. headlight, 49. meme, 50. polio, 51. dent, 52. dent, 53. excite

54. kh__i shorts *n.* a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name
55. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
56. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
57. visceral lei_____sis *n.* a parasitic disease caused by the Leishmania parasites, transmitted through the bite of infected sandflies, which can manifest as cutaneous leishmaniasis (= affecting the skin), visceral leishmaniasis (= affecting internal organs), or mucocutaneous leishmaniasis (= affecting mucous membranes)
58. religious m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
59. up___t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
60. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 54. khaki, 55. eradicate, 56. doe, 57. leishmaniasis, 58. meme, 59. uplift, 60. Catholic

61. po__o epidemic *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
62. bra_____ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
63. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
64. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
65. a di_____nt search of the files *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
66. me_____s outbreak *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
67. sa_____ah region *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
68. the dr_____t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

ANSWERS: 61. polio, 62. brainstorming, 63. Catholic, 64. intuition, 65. diligent, 66. measles, 67. savannah, 68. dropout

69. e__y his success
70. er_____te the deficit
71. em_____l in controversy
72. with no an__t
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- v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
- v. to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate
- n. a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
- adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
- n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
- n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
- n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

ANSWERS: 69. envy, 70. eradicate, 71. embroil, 72. angst, 73. worthless, 74. excite, 75. trajectory, 76. tweet, 77. condom

78. a di_____nt person *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
79. no pa_____a for economic woes *n.* a remedy or solution that is believed to be a cure for all illnesses or problems; something that is seen as a universal cure-all
80. sym_____al pattern *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
81. kh__i jacket *n.* a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name
82. tropical sa_____ah *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

ANSWERS: 78. diligent, 79. panacea, 80. symmetrical, 81. khaki, 82. savannah

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.
adj. relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
2. The high school _____ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.
n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
3. The first symptoms of cutaneous _____ are usually skin sores that may become ulcers with time.
n. a parasitic disease caused by the Leishmania parasites, transmitted through the bite of infected sandflies, which can manifest as cutaneous leishmaniasis (= affecting the skin), visceral leishmaniasis (= affecting internal organs), or mucocutaneous leishmaniasis (= affecting mucous membranes)
4. This figure is _____ about the x-axis.
adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
5. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.
v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
6. An outbreak of _____ occurred in the 1920s.
n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
7. I can't help but _____ my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.
v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

ANSWERS: 1. contraceptive, 2. dropout, 3. leishmaniasis, 4. symmetrical, 5. chopped, 6. smallpox, 7. envy

8. The birds live in tropical forests, _____ and arid semi-desert environments.
 - n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
9. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.
 - v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
10. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
 - n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
11. The scandal _____ the company's CEO and other high-level executives.
 - v.* to involve or entangle someone or something in a difficult, complicated, or unpleasant situation; to implicate or incriminate
12. The _____ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.
 - n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
13. Using a _____ during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.
 - n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
14. The school sent a notice of a _____ case in one of the classrooms.
 - n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

ANSWERS: 8. savannahs, 9. stunned, 10. philanthropy, 11. embroiled, 12. polio, 13. condom, 14. measles

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

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

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

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17. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.

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18. Many people believe that exercise is the _____ for all health problems.

n. a remedy or solution that is believed to be a cure for all illnesses or problems; something that is seen as a universal cure-all

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

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

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adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

21. My car's _____ must be replaced before I drive again at night.

n. a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead

22. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

ANSWERS: 15. phenomenal, 16. visceral, 17. meme, 18. panacea, 19. worthless, 20. diligent, 21. headlight, 22. opportune

23. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
24. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
25. He felt a sense of _____ about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.
- n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
26. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
- n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
27. The internet troll was the _____ of a heated argument on social media.
- n.* a person who incites, provokes or encourages others to engage in an action, often involving conflict, controversy, or mischief
28. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
- v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
29. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
- n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
30. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 23. intuitions, 24. excited, 25. angst, 26. ingenuity, 27. instigator, 28. eradicate, 29. trajectory, 30. doe

31. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

32. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

33. The safari guide wore a _____ hat to protect himself from the sun.

n. a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name

34. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.

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

35. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

36. He acci_____dented his car when he bumped into a tree.

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

37. There's an _____ in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

38. The self-made _____ donated millions to charity.

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

ANSWERS: 31. catholic, 32. generosity, 33. khaki, 34. tweet, 35. uplift, 36. dentally, 37. inequity, 38. billionaire

39. The little girl lived in a small ____ in the woods with her family.

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

40. The company aimed to _____ its products to appeal to a broader range of consumers.

v. to make something uniform or consistent in composition or character, often by mixing or blending different elements

41. Many companies employ _____ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

ANSWERS: 39. hut, 40. homogenize, 41. brainstorming