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Session 1: Word List

critic

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

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym: district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym: event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

accident

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

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**
The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym: cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**
The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

sandy

adj. covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown

synonym: arenaceous, sandlike

(1) miles of **sandy** beaches, (2) **sandy** hair
The rain rapidly soaked into the **sandy** soil.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment
The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

impending

adj. about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

synonym: imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

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.

symptom

n. any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

synonym : sign, manifestation, syndrome

(1) **symptoms** of low testosterone, (2) neurotic **symptoms**

The patient displays a **symptom** of a side effect.

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym : supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family

People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym : client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym : assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

dilemma

n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

synonym : difficulty, plight, predicament

(1) chicken-and-egg **dilemma**, (2) be in a **dilemma**

The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common **dilemma**.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

grasping

adj. eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary

synonym : greedy, extorting, acquisitive

(1) **grasping** landlord, (2) **grasping** disposition

He was criticized for his **grasping** attitude, always looking for ways to make more money.

motorcycle

n. a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals

synonym : bike, motor

(1) **motorcycle** gangster, (2) electric **motorcycle**

He had his **motorcycle** license revoked for drunken driving.

rider

n. a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message

synonym : passenger, commuter, traveler

(1) a motorcycle **rider**, (2) **rider** to a bill

The horse **rider** won first place in the equestrian competition.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym : wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym: estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym: anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym: pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**

He gained debt **forgiveness**.

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym: misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

regret

v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

synonym : apologize, deplore, lament

(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless

I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym : regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**

Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym : aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

imminent

adj. coming or likely to happen very soon

synonym: looming, coming, impending

(1) **imminent** danger, (2) **imminent** arrest

This country was long faced with **imminent** peril.

cardiac

adj. of or relating to the heart or heart disease

(1) **cardiac** arrest, (2) **cardiac** disease

The **cardiac** output of a resting adult is around three quarts per minute.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

defibrillator

n. a medical device that delivers an electric shock to the heart to restore normal rhythm in cases of cardiac arrest or other serious heart conditions

synonym: shock box, resuscitator, AED

(1) portable **defibrillator**, (2) implantable **defibrillator**

Every gym should have an automated external **defibrillator** (AED) in case of cardiac emergencies.

preparation

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

synonym: practice, trial, rehearsal

(1) a **preparation** program, (2) the **preparation** of meals

He helped me with the **preparation** of this book.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

remembrance

n. the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento

synonym: memory, recollection, commemoration

(1) **remembrance** day, (2) eternal **remembrance**

The annual **remembrance** ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.

immortality

n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever

synonym: endless life, timelessness, agelessness

(1) the **immortality** of the soul, (2) achieve **immortality**

Many people believe in the concept of **immortality** and an afterlife.

crew

n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

synonym: team, group, squad

(1) the film **crew**, (2) the **crew** of a fishing boat

The ship's **crew** worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym: innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym: pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

severely

adv. very badly or seriously

synonym : harshly, hardly, oppressively

(1) **severely** burned arm, (2) criticize him **severely**

Her company was **severely** affected by the bank's failure.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym : go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym : deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

adopt

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

synonym : accept, assume, take on

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

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

strict

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

synonym : rigorous, inflexible, relentless

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

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

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. chemical re_____on | <i>n.</i> a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others |
| 2. security in_____nt | <i>n.</i> an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens |
| 3. eq__p our children with some special skills | <i>v.</i> to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity |
| 4. ev_____te a situation | <i>v.</i> to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something |
| 5. a mea_____ss endeavor | <i>adj.</i> having no meaning, direction, or purpose |
| 6. the pre_____on of meals | <i>n.</i> the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready |
| 7. ob_____e a tradition | <i>v.</i> to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion |
| 8. se_____ly burned arm | <i>adv.</i> very badly or seriously |
| 9. criminal gu__t | <i>n.</i> the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong |

ANSWERS: 1. reaction, 2. incident, 3. equip, 4. evaluate, 5. meaningless, 6. preparation, 7. observe, 8. severely, 9. guilt

10. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
11. chicken-and-egg di_____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
12. an information pr_____er *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
13. ca_____c disease *adj.* of or relating to the heart or heart disease
14. feeling of gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
15. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
16. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
17. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
18. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
19. im_____nt danger *adj.* coming or likely to happen very soon

ANSWERS: 10. meaningless, 11. dilemma, 12. provider, 13. cardiac, 14. guilt, 15. suffer, 16. medical, 17. strict, 18. shock, 19. imminent

20. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
21. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
22. gr_____ng landlord *adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary
23. im_____ng doom *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
24. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
25. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
26. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
27. re___t a decision *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
28. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
29. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
30. sa__y hair *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
31. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 20. county, 21. massive, 22. grasping, 23. impending, 24. adopt, 25. religion, 26. comfort, 27. regret, 28. universal, 29. doom, 30. sandy, 31. religion

32. s_n of omission *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
33. the pr_____er of the family *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
34. ev_____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
35. arrive and de____t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
36. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
37. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
38. as____s a tax of 10 pounds *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
39. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
40. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
41. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
42. forgive a s_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
43. a motorcycle ri__r *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message

ANSWERS: 32. sin, 33. provider, 34. evaluate, 35. depart, 36. circumstance, 37. accident, 38. assess, 39. patient, 40. grandchild, 41. comfort, 42. sin, 43. rider

44. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
45. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
46. re____r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
47. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
48. re____r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
49. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
50. eternal rem_____ce *n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
51. a home for the el_____y *adj.* (a polite word for) old
52. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 44. regardless, 45. reaction, 46. render, 47. shock, 48. render, 49. decide, 50. remembrance, 51. elderly, 52. background

53. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
54. a hu_____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
55. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
56. ar___t the thief *v.* to take into custody
57. the imm_____ty of the soul *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
58. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
59. answer co_____ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
60. im_____nt arrest *adj.* coming or likely to happen very soon
61. de___t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
62. ar___t the progress *v.* to take into custody
63. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
64. co_____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many

ANSWERS: 53. critic, 54. hurricane, 55. decide, 56. arrest, 57. immortality, 58. medical, 59. countless, 60. imminent, 61. depart, 62. arrest, 63. patient, 64. countless

65. throughout the co___y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
66. be in a di_____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
67. mot_____le gangster *n.* a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals
68. ri__r to a bill *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
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71. implantable def_____tor *n.* a medical device that delivers an electric shock to the heart to restore normal rhythm in cases of cardiac arrest or other serious heart conditions
72. gr_____ng disposition *adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary
73. rem_____ce day *n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento

ANSWERS: 65. county, 66. dilemma, 67. motorcycle, 68. rider, 69. accident, 70. immortality, 71. defibrillator, 72. grasping, 73. remembrance

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76. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
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79. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
80. without in_____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
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83. traffic in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
84. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 74. regardless, 75. symptom, 76. massive, 77. background, 78. severely, 79. grandchild, 80. injury, 81. crew, 82. defibrillator, 83. incident, 84. suffer

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94. the film c__w *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
95. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
96. beg for for_____ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

ANSWERS: 85. assess, 86. forgiveness, 87. critic, 88. equip, 89. elderly, 90. impending, 91. strict, 92. hurricane, 93. cardiac, 94. crew, 95. circumstance, 96. forgiveness

97. a fatal in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
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103. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
104. a pre_____on program *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
105. electric mot_____le *n.* a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals
106. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

ANSWERS: 97. injury, 98. doom, 99. symptom, 100. sandy, 101. observe, 102. regret, 103. adopt, 104. preparation, 105. motorcycle, 106. universal

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
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3. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
4. This country was long faced with _____ peril.
adj. coming or likely to happen very soon
5. He was criticized for his _____ attitude, always looking for ways to make more money.
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ANSWERS: 1. evaluate, 2. cardiac, 3. medical, 4. imminent, 5. grasping, 6. incident, 7. suffers, 8. assess

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adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
15. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.
adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose
16. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. universal, 10. render, 11. adopted, 12. hurricane, 13. motorcycle, 14. regardless, 15. meaningless, 16. strict

17. My accidental _____ got better right away.
n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
18. Many people believe in the concept of _____ and an afterlife.
n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
19. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
20. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.
n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
21. The rain rapidly soaked into the _____ soil.
adj. covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
22. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.
v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
23. Shame and _____ have significant social influences.
n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
24. Every gym should have an automated external _____ (AED) in case of cardiac emergencies.
n. a medical device that delivers an electric shock to the heart to restore normal rhythm in cases of cardiac arrest or other serious heart conditions

ANSWERS: 17. injury, 18. immortality, 19. grandchild, 20. sins, 21. sandy, 22. departed, 23. guilt, 24. defibrillator

25. He got an electric _____ at work.

- n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

26. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

27. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.

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

28. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

29. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

30. The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common _____.

- n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

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

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

32. Her company was _____ affected by the bank's failure.

- adv.* very badly or seriously

ANSWERS: 25. shock, 26. background, 27. doom, 28. massive, 29. religion, 30. dilemma, 31. critics, 32. severely

33. The _____ woman is quite energetic.

adj. (a polite word for) old

34. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

35. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

36. The annual _____ ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.

n. the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento

37. He gained debt _____.

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

38. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

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

39. The ship's _____ worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

40. We must prepare for the _____ storm expected to hit our area.

adj. about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

ANSWERS: 33. elderly, 34. county's, 35. comfort, 36. remembrance, 37. forgiveness, 38. accident, 39. crew, 40. impending

41. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
- n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
42. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
- v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
43. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
- n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
44. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
45. He helped me with the _____ of this book.
- n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
46. People select Internet _____ not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.
- n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
47. I _____ to say that you did not gain admission to the university.
- v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

ANSWERS: 41. reaction, 42. equipped, 43. patient's, 44. circumstances, 45. preparation, 46. providers, 47. regret

48. The horse _____ won first place in the equestrian competition.

- n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message

49. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

- v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

50. The patient displays a _____ of a side effect.

- n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

51. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.

- adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many

52. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.

- v.* to take into custody

53. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

ANSWERS: 48. rider, 49. observe, 50. symptom, 51. countless, 52. arrest, 53. decide