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Session 1: Word List

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

scorn

n. a feeling of contempt or disdain for someone or something seen as unworthy or inferior; an expression of contempt or ridicule

synonym: contempt, disdain, disrespect

(1) treat with **scorn**, (2) expression of **scorn**

The politician responded to the heckler with a look of **scorn**.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

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.

nomadic

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

synonym: mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

incapable

adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something

synonym: unable, incompetent, unskilled

(1) drunk and **incapable**, (2) **incapable** of being resisted

He seems **incapable** of understanding what she says.

able-bodied

adj. having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength

synonym: capable, fit, healthy

(1) **able-bodied** worker, (2) **able-bodied** athlete

The job posting required an **able-bodied** person for heavy lifting.

fluctuate

v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

synonym: vary, oscillate, sway

(1) **fluctuate** prices, (2) **fluctuate** rapidly

Stock prices **fluctuate** daily based on market demand and supply.

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym: cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the

arctic climate.

guinea

n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

synonym : coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

fieldwork

n. real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.

(1) meticulous **fieldwork**, (2) perform **fieldwork**

Numerous instances from **fieldwork** show these hypotheses in great detail.

sedentary

adj. characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement

synonym : inactive, stationary, immobile

(1) **sedentary** desk job, (2) **sedentary** behavior

His **sedentary** lifestyle and lack of exercise contributed to his declining health.

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.

babysitter

n. a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

synonym : childcare provider, nanny, nurse

(1) need a trustworthy **babysitter**, (2) experienced **babysitter**

Our regular **babysitter** was sick, so we had to find a

replacement at the last minute.

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.

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.

Confucian

adj. relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers

synonym : Confucianist, Confucianism

(1) **Confucian** rites, (2) **Confucian** ethics

Confucian values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.

filial

adj. relating to or befitting a son or daughter; having the characteristics or feelings of a child towards their parent

synonym : offspring, familial

(1) **filial** respect, (2) **filial** generation

Filial piety is an important value in many Asian cultures, where respect for one's parents is paramount.

piety

n. devoutness or reverence towards a higher power or moral code; a deep respect for religious ideals and traditions

synonym : devoutness, religiousness, reverence

(1) **piety** in religion, (2) show **piety** towards god

The religious leader was known for his extreme **piety** and devotion to his faith.

obedient

adj. willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
synonym : compliant, submissive, dutiful

(1) grow to be **obedient**, (2) **obedient** dog

The **obedient** dog followed its owner's commands.

sinister

adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

synonym : ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

protestant

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

synonym : reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym : moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

self-reliant

adj. able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance

synonym : independent, self-sufficient, autonomous

(1) **self-reliant** person, (2) **self-reliant** community

After moving to a new city, she became more **self-reliant** and learned to navigate the streets independently.

instinctively

adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

synonym : inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

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.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

logarithm

n. a mathematical function that indicates the power to which a fixed number (the base) must be raised to produce another given number expressed as an exponent

synonym: mathematical function, exponent, power

(1) **logarithm** function, (2) **logarithm** table

To solve this equation, you must take both sides' **logarithms**.

incompetent

adj. lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job

synonym: ineffective, unskilled, inadequate

(1) **incompetent** leadership, (2) **incompetent** employee

The **incompetent** doctor misdiagnosed my illness and prescribed the wrong medication.

knob

n. a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet

synonym: handle, lever

(1) handy **knob**, (2) **knob** closure

The **knob** on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.

wretchedness

n. the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed

synonym: misery, unhappiness, distress

(1) emotional **wretchedness**, (2) economic **wretchedness**

The book delves into the **wretchedness** and misery of life in a war-torn country.

caretaker

n. a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

synonym : custodian, caregiver

(1) welfare **caretaker**, (2) the role of **caretaker**

He acted as a **caretaker** until a new president was elected.

comp

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

synonym : waive, cover, provide

(1) **comp** their meal, (2) **comp** the employees with a bonus

The casino **comped** her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

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.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
synonym : contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

agon

n. a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
synonym : struggle, conflict, fight

(1) emotional **agon**, (2) an **agon** of creativity
The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international **agon**.

stamina

n. the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
synonym : endurance, staying power, resilience

(1) **stamina** training, (2) lose **stamina**
The athlete's **stamina** was tested during the grueling triathlon.

circumscribe

v. to limit, restrict, or define the boundaries or extent of something or someone
synonym : encircle, restrict, bound

(1) **circumscribe** boundaries, (2) **circumscribe** his actions
The government attempted to **circumscribe** the freedom of the press, leading to heightened censorship.

strategize

v. to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations
synonym : plan, devise, scheme

(1) **strategize** for success, (2) **strategize** about how to win
The company **strategized** about how to increase sales.

synthesize

v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

synonym: incorporate, amalgamate

(1) **synthesize** molecules, (2) **synthesize** information

The spider can **synthesize** multiple different silk proteins.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

predispose

v. to make someone susceptible

synonym: dispose, incline

(1) **predispose** to the development of cancer,

(2) **predispose** me to become a novelist

Her outstanding achievement **predisposes** people to like her.

Session 2: Spelling

1. need a trustworthy bab_____er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
2. sc_____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
3. Co_____an ethics *adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
4. 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
5. de___t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
6. syn_____ze information *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
7. str_____ze about how to win *v.* to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations
8. welfare ca_____er *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

ANSWERS: 1. babysitter, 2. scatter, 3. Confucian, 4. envy, 5. depict, 6. synthesize, 7. strategize, 8. caretaker

9. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
10. c__p their meal *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
11. expression of sc__n *n.* a feeling of contempt or disdain for someone or something seen as unworthy or inferior; an expression of contempt or ridicule
12. try hard to me____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
13. no____c life *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
14. sel____ant community *adj.* able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance
15. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
16. car____ng process *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
17. fi___l generation *adj.* relating to or befitting a son or daughter; having the characteristics or feelings of a child towards their parent
18. show pi__y towards god *n.* devoutness or reverence towards a higher power or moral code; a deep respect for religious ideals and traditions

ANSWERS: 9. quitter, 10. comp, 11. scorn, 12. memorize, 13. nomadic, 14. self-reliant, 15. quitter, 16. caregiving, 17. filial, 18. piety

19. pre_____se me to become a novelist
v. to make someone susceptible
20. fl___t Chinese
adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
21. company mo___o
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
22. se_____ry desk job
adj. characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement
23. c__p the employees with a bonus
v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
24. perform fi_____rk
n. real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.
25. treat with sc__n
n. a feeling of contempt or disdain for someone or something seen as unworthy or inferior; an expression of contempt or ridicule
26. handy k__b
n. a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
27. cir_____ibe boundaries
v. to limit, restrict, or define the boundaries or extent of something or someone
28. e__y his success
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: 19. predispose, 20. fluent, 21. motto, 22. sedentary, 23. comp, 24. fieldwork, 25. scorn, 26. knob, 27. circumscribe, 28. envy

29. pre_____se to the development of cancer
v. to make someone susceptible
30. gra_____ld development
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
31. de____t a scene
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
32. abl_____ed athlete
adj. having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength
33. ins_____ely grabbed the knife
adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
34. sel_____ant person
adj. able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance
35. drunk and in_____le
adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something
36. the mo__o for safe traffic
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
37. inc_____nt employee
adj. lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job
38. person of gra_____nt age
n. a parent of one's father or mother
39. lo_____hm function
n. a mathematical function that indicates the power to which a fixed number (the base) must be raised to produce another given number expressed as an exponent

ANSWERS: 29. predispose, 30. grandchild, 31. depict, 32. able-bodied, 33. instinctively, 34. self-reliant, 35. incapable, 36. motto, 37. incompetent, 38. grandparent, 39. logarithm

40. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
41. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
42. gu___a coins *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
43. ho_____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
44. high ar___c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
45. pro_____nt theology *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
46. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
47. professional et___c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
48. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
49. ar___c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

ANSWERS: 40. hut, 41. opportune, 42. guinea, 43. horrify, 44. arctic, 45. protestant, 46. grandparent, 47. ethic, 48. memorize, 49. arctic

50. emotional a__n *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
51. meticulous fi_____rk *n.* real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.
52. str_____ze for success *v.* to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations
53. abl_____ed worker *adj.* having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength
54. moral et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
55. st_____a training *n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
56. economic wre_____ess *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
57. lo_____hm table *n.* a mathematical function that indicates the power to which a fixed number (the base) must be raised to produce another given number expressed as an exponent

ANSWERS: 50. agon, 51. fieldwork, 52. strategize, 53. able-bodied, 54. ethic, 55. stamina, 56. wretchedness, 57. logarithm

58. ob____nt dog *adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
59. k__b closure *n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
60. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
61. lose st____a *n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
62. a par_____al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
63. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
64. cir_____ibe his actions *v.* to limit, restrict, or define the boundaries or extent of something or someone
65. Co_____an rites *adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
66. gu___a pig *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
67. sc____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

ANSWERS: 58. obedient, 59. knob, 60. grandchild, 61. stamina, 62. paradoxical, 63. opportune, 64. circumscribe, 65. Confucian, 66. guinea, 67. scatter

68. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
69. fi___l respect *adj.* relating to or befitting a son or daughter; having the characteristics or feelings of a child towards their parent
70. emotional wre_____ess *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
71. se_____ry behavior *adj.* characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement
72. in si_____er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
73. si_____er look *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
74. in_____le of being resisted *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
75. pi__y in religion *n.* devoutness or reverence towards a higher power or moral code; a deep respect for religious ideals and traditions
76. syn_____ze molecules *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
77. in a fl___t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
78. grow to be ob_____nt *adj.* willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do

ANSWERS: 68. devise, 69. filial, 70. wretchedness, 71. sedentary, 72. sinister, 73. sinister, 74. incapable, 75. piety, 76. synthesize, 77. fluent, 78. obedient

79. car_____ng responsibilities *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
80. the role of ca_____er *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
81. inc_____nt leadership *adj.* lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job
82. an a__n of creativity *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
83. co_____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
84. fl_____te prices *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
85. experienced bab_____er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
86. fishing h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
87. ask a co_____se question *v.* to talk informally

ANSWERS: 79. caregiving, 80. caretaker, 81. incompetent, 82. agon, 83. converse, 84. fluctuate, 85. babysitter, 86. hut, 87. converse

88. ho____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
89. de____e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
90. hard-line Pro_____nt *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
91. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
92. no_____c herdsmen *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
93. fl_____te rapidly *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
94. ins_____ely bad with children *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
95. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
96. apparently par_____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

ANSWERS: 88. horrify, 89. devise, 90. protestant, 91. medicinal, 92. nomadic, 93. fluctuate, 94. instinctively, 95. medicinal, 96. paradoxical

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
 - v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

2. Having a strong work _____ is important for success in any field.
 - n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

3. 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

4. The _____ doctor misdiagnosed my illness and prescribed the wrong medication.
 - adj.* lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job

5. He acted as a _____ until a new president was elected.
 - n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

6. Some researchers claim that even humans can _____ sense earthquakes.
 - adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

7. The religious leader was known for his extreme _____ and devotion to his faith.
 - n.* devoutness or reverence towards a higher power or moral code; a deep respect for religious ideals and traditions

ANSWERS: 1. devise, 2. ethic, 3. caregiving, 4. incompetent, 5. caretaker, 6. instinctively, 7. piety

8. The government attempted to _____ the freedom of the press, leading to heightened censorship.
v. to limit, restrict, or define the boundaries or extent of something or someone
9. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.
adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
10. The cost of the antique vase is three _____.
n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
11. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
12. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
13. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
14. The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international _____.
n. a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
15. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter

ANSWERS: 8. circumscribe, 9. arctic, 10. guineas, 11. memorize, 12. medicinal, 13. motto, 14. agon, 15. grandchild

16. This desert is the territory of _____ tribes.

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

17. 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

18. The book delves into the _____ and misery of life in a war-torn country.

n. the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed

19. The _____ church was the dominant religion in the area.

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

20. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.

v. to shock or disgust greatly

21. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.

v. to talk informally

22. The job posting required an _____ person for heavy lifting.

adj. having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength

23. _____ values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.

adj. relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers

ANSWERS: 16. nomadic, 17. hut, 18. wretchedness, 19. Protestant, 20. horrify, 21. converse, 22. able-bodied, 23. Confucian

24. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother
25. To solve this equation, you must take both sides' _____.
n. a mathematical function that indicates the power to which a fixed number (the base) must be raised to produce another given number expressed as an exponent
26. The _____ dog followed its owner's commands.
adj. willing to do what someone in authority tells you to do
27. The politician responded to the heckler with a look of _____.
n. a feeling of contempt or disdain for someone or something seen as unworthy or inferior; an expression of contempt or ridicule
28. Numerous instances from _____ show these hypotheses in great detail.
n. real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.
29. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
30. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
31. 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: 24. grandparents, 25. logarithms, 26. obedient, 27. scorn, 28. fieldwork, 29. quitter, 30. depicted, 31. envy

32. Our regular _____ was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.
- n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
33. The _____ on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.
- n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
34. _____ piety is an important value in many Asian cultures, where respect for one's parents is paramount.
- adj.* relating to or befitting a son or daughter; having the characteristics or feelings of a child towards their parent
35. The athlete's _____ was tested during the grueling triathlon.
- n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
36. it is _____ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.
- adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
37. The company _____ about how to increase sales.
- v.* to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations
38. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.
- adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

ANSWERS: 32. babysitter, 33. knob, 34. Filial, 35. stamina, 36. paradoxical, 37. strategized, 38. fluent

39. He seems _____ of understanding what she says.

adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something

40. The dark clouds in the sky gave off a _____ feeling.

adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

41. Stock prices _____ daily based on market demand and supply.

v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

42. His _____ lifestyle and lack of exercise contributed to his declining health.

adj. characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement

43. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

44. Her outstanding achievement _____ people to like her.

v. to make someone susceptible

45. After moving to a new city, she became more _____ and learned to navigate the streets independently.

adj. able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance

46. The casino _____ her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

ANSWERS: 39. incapable, 40. sinister, 41. fluctuate, 42. sedentary, 43. opportune, 44. predisposes, 45. self-reliant, 46. comped

47. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

48. The spider can _____ multiple different silk proteins.

v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

ANSWERS: 47. scattered, 48. synthesize