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Session 1: Word List

soporific

adj. causing or inducing sleep; tending to make someone drowsy or lethargic; referring to drugs, medications, or substances with sedative effects

synonym: sedative, hypnotic, sleep-inducing

(1) **soporific** effect, (2) **soporific** medication

The soothing music was **soporific**, lulling the audience into a peaceful sleep.

narcolepsy

n. a chronic sleep disorder characterized by sudden and uncontrollable episodes of falling asleep during the day, often accompanied by cataplexy (loss of muscle control)

synonym: sleep attacks, rem sleep disorder

(1) **narcolepsy** treatment, (2) uncontrollable **narcolepsy** attacks

The **narcolepsy** symptoms include excessive daytime sleepiness and sleep paralysis.

exceedingly

adv. to an extreme degree

synonym: enormously, especially, exceptionally

(1) **exceedingly** common, (2) an **exceedingly** difficult book

Fear is **exceedingly** infectious, and children catch it from their elders.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym : surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

menace

n. a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

synonym : threat, danger, hazard

(1) invisible **menace**, (2) potential **menace**

The reckless driver was a **menace** to other drivers on the road.

valence

n. (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship

synonym : bonding capacity, reactivity

(1) **valence** electrons, (2) chemical **valence**

The **valence** of an atom determines its chemical properties.

dictator

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

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

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

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

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym : unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

synonym : exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

disproportionate

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

synonym : undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

clout

n. influence or power, especially political or social influence; a strong force or impact

synonym : influence, power, sway

(1) **clout** in politics, (2) social media **clout**

The CEO has enough **clout** to change the company's legacy policies.

insidious

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

synonym: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

frisk

v. to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner

synonym: search, pat down, romp

(1) **frisk** around the yard, (2) **frisk** his pockets

The security guard stopped and **frisked** the suspicious-looking person at the entrance to the building.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym: step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

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**.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym : thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

sordid

adj. involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved

synonym : dirty, seedy, sleazy

(1) **sordid** business, (2) **sordid** past

The tabloid newspaper exposed the **sordid** details of the politician's scandalous affair.

techie

n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

synonym : geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

imbalance

n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

synonym : inequality, asymmetry, instability

(1) trade **imbalance**, (2) symptoms of hormonal **imbalance**

An **imbalance** in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym : skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym : crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Ageing **creeps** up slowly with time.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym : sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

subcontract

v. to enter into a contract with another party to complete a specific task or project as a part of a larger contract or agreement; to outsource a portion of work to another party

synonym : outsource, delegate, farm out

(1) **subcontract** services, (2) **subcontract** data entry work

The government agency put out a request for tenders to **subcontract** the maintenance of their facilities.

disengage

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

synonym : withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially
He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

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.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities
The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

dilapidated

adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition

synonym : rundown, shabby, decaying

(1) **dilapidated** house, (2) **dilapidated** building
The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of **dilapidated** rides.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym : falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media
The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

neutralize

v. to counteract or cancel the effects of something; to make something neutral or harmless

synonym : counteract, invalidate, cancel out

(1) **neutralize** a toxin, (2) **neutralize** an argument

We need to **neutralize** the acidity of this soil before we can grow any crops.

boulder

n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

synonym: rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

forego

v. to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation

synonym: antecede, precede, relinquish

(1) **forego** dessert, (2) **forego** the privilege

The company decided to **forego** the expensive advertising campaign and instead rely on word of mouth.

menacingly

adv. in a way that suggests a threat or danger; in an intimidating or ominous manner

synonym: threateningly, ominously

(1) approached **menacingly**, (2) smile **menacingly**

He stared **menacingly** at his opponent before moving into the chess game.

sorority

n. a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities

synonym: sisterhood, female fraternity

(1) **sorority** house, (2) **sorority** recruitment

The **sorority** sisters hosted a fundraiser for their chosen charity.

fraternity

n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

synonym: brotherhood, association, society

(1) the medical **fraternity**, (2) **fraternity** party
My college students join a **fraternity** to make connections and build a sense of community.

reckon

v. to think or believe something
synonym: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival
He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

resonant

adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling

synonym: echoing, reverberating, resonating

(1) **resonant** with the sound, (2) **resonant** cavity
The **resonant** frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.

radiate

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

synonym: give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions
Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

parochial

adj. related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

synonym: narrow-minded, insular, provincial

(1) **parochial** views, (2) **parochial** community
The **parochial** attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.

insularity

n. the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality

synonym: isolation, provincialism, narrow-mindedness

(1) the **insularity** of the town, (2) the **insularity** of the culture

The island's **insularity** made it difficult for outsiders to integrate into the community.

emergent

adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known

synonym: coming, appearing, developing

(1) **emergent** repair of an aorta, (2) an **emergent** republic
Extensive areas of **emergent** plants are usually called marsh.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds
The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

graft

n. a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods

synonym: transplant, implantation, bribery

(1) **graft** surgery, (2) anti- **graft** law

The patient's skin **graft** procedure was successful, and he was released from the hospital.

ire

n. intense or extreme anger or wrath; a strong feeling of displeasure or hostility towards someone or something

synonym: anger, wrath, fury

(1) **ire-filled** rant, (2) public **ire**

The company's blatant disregard for customer service has provoked the **ire** of its clients.

archipelago

n. a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region

synonym: group of islands, island chain

(1) tropical **archipelago**, (2) volcanic **archipelago**

The Philippines is an **archipelago** made up of over 7,000 islands.

triad

n. a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord

synonym: trio, trinity, threesome

(1) a **triad** of nuclear forces, (2) major **triad**

The three friends formed a tight-knit **triad**, always supporting and helping each other.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. cr__p along the leaf | <i>v.</i> to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard |
| 2. advertising sl___n | <i>n.</i> a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea |
| 3. aspiring te___es | <i>n.</i> a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices |
| 4. mi_____t worker | <i>n.</i> a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another |
| 5. arbitrary bur_____cy | <i>n.</i> a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives |
| 6. re_____nt with the sound | <i>adj.</i> tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling |
| 7. the medical fra_____ty | <i>n.</i> a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation |
| 8. uncontrollable nar_____sy attacks | <i>n.</i> a chronic sleep disorder characterized by sudden and uncontrollable episodes of falling asleep during the day, often accompanied by cataplexy (loss of muscle control) |

ANSWERS: 1. creep, 2. slogan, 3. techie, 4. migrant, 5. bureaucracy, 6. resonant, 7. fraternity, 8. narcolepsy

9. tropical arc_____go *n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
10. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something
11. invisible me___e *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
12. potential me___e *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
13. ra_____e an aura *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
14. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. pa_____al views *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
16. an exc_____ly difficult book *adv.* to an extreme degree
17. the ins_____ty of the culture *n.* the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality
18. di_____ge the clutch *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

ANSWERS: 9. archipelago, 10. reckon, 11. menace, 12. menace, 13. radiate, 14. opportune, 15. parochial, 16. exceedingly, 17. insularity, 18. disengage

19. nar_____sy treatment *n.* a chronic sleep disorder characterized by sudden and uncontrollable episodes of falling asleep during the day, often accompanied by cataplexy (loss of muscle control)
20. fo___o dessert *v.* to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation
21. sub_____ct data entry work *v.* to enter into a contract with another party to complete a specific task or project as a part of a larger contract or agreement; to outsource a portion of work to another party
22. va_____e electrons *n.* (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship
23. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
24. so_____ty recruitment *n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
25. computer-ill_____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

ANSWERS: 19. narcolepsy, 20. forego, 21. subcontract, 22. valence, 23. dictator, 24. sorority, 25. illiterate

26. exc_____ly common *adv.* to an extreme degree
27. an em_____nt republic *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
28. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
29. gadget te____es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
30. bo_____r field *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
31. 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
32. cause dis_____ate damage *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
33. symptoms of hormonal im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
34. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

ANSWERS: 26. exceedingly, 27. emergent, 28. misinformation, 29. techie, 30. boulder, 31. meme, 32. disproportionate, 33. imbalance, 34. millennial

35. dil_____ed house *adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
36. re_____t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
37. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
38. smile men_____ly *adv.* in a way that suggests a threat or danger; in an intimidating or ominous manner
39. so_____d past *adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved
40. catchy sl_____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
41. trade im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
42. approached men_____ly *adv.* in a way that suggests a threat or danger; in an intimidating or ominous manner
43. re_____n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
44. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
45. wi__d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

ANSWERS: 35. dilapidated, 36. recount, 37. dictator, 38. menacingly, 39. sordid, 40. slogan, 41. imbalance, 42. menacingly, 43. reckon, 44. institutionalize, 45. wield

46. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
47. so_____ty house *n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
48. fra_____ty party *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
49. fr__k around the yard *v.* to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner
50. en_____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
51. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
52. anti-gr__t law *n.* a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods
53. volcanic arc_____go *n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region

ANSWERS: 46. illiterate, 47. sorority, 48. fraternity, 49. frisk, 50. encompass, 51. pervasive, 52. graft, 53. archipelago

54. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
55. in_____us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
56. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
57. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
58. fo____o the privilege *v.* to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation
59. major tr__d *n.* a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord
60. wi__d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
61. dil_____ed building *adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
62. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
63. em_____nt repair of an aorta *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
64. dis_____ate amount *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

ANSWERS: 54. opportune, 55. insidious, 56. reimagine, 57. cynical, 58. forego, 59. triad, 60. wield, 61. dilapidated, 62. inherit, 63. emergent, 64. disproportionate

65. tr__d a similar path *v.* to step or walk on something
66. pa_____al community *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
67. so_____ic effect *adj.* causing or inducing sleep; tending to make someone drowsy or lethargic; referring to drugs, medications, or substances with sedative effects
68. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
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ANSWERS: 65. tread, 66. parochial, 67. soporific, 68. institutionalize, 69. sordid, 70. reimagine, 71. millennial, 72. ire, 73. insidious

74. gr__t surgery *n.* a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods
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80. cl__t in politics *n.* influence or power, especially political or social influence; a strong force or impact
81. a tr__d of nuclear forces *n.* a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord
82. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
83. ra_____e in all directions *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

ANSWERS: 74. graft, 75. clout, 76. resonant, 77. recount, 78. creep, 79. soporific, 80. clout, 81. triad, 82. profoundly, 83. radiate

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ANSWERS: 84. frisk, 85. migrant, 86. ire, 87. cynical, 88. pervasive, 89. depress, 90. misinformation, 91. bureaucracy, 92. valence

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97. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
98. tr__d water *v.* to step or walk on something
99. en_____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
100. neu_____ze an argument *v.* to counteract or cancel the effects of something; to make something neutral or harmless
101. 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
102. the ins_____ty of the town *n.* the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality

ANSWERS: 93. boulder, 94. profoundly, 95. inherit, 96. neutralize, 97. depress, 98. tread, 99. encompass, 100. neutralize, 101. meme, 102. insularity

103. sub_____ct services

v. to enter into a contract with another party to complete a specific task or project as a part of a larger contract or agreement; to outsource a portion of work to another party

104. di_____ge socially

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

ANSWERS: 103. subcontract, 104. disengage

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The soothing music was _____ lulling the audience into a peaceful sleep.
adj. causing or inducing sleep; tending to make someone drowsy or lethargic; referring to drugs, medications, or substances with sedative effects
2. The _____ symptoms include excessive daytime sleepiness and sleep paralysis.
n. a chronic sleep disorder characterized by sudden and uncontrollable episodes of falling asleep during the day, often accompanied by cataplexy (loss of muscle control)
3. The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of _____ rides.
adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
4. The company's blatant disregard for customer service has provoked the ____ of its clients.
n. intense or extreme anger or wrath; a strong feeling of displeasure or hostility towards someone or something
5. The _____ attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.
adj. related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
6. He _____ from the conversation and walked away.
v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

ANSWERS: 1. soporific, 2. narcolepsy, 3. dilapidated, 4. ire, 5. parochial, 6. disengaged

7. My college students join a _____ to make connections and build a sense of community.
- n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
8. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
- adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
9. We need to _____ the acidity of this soil before we can grow any crops.
- v.* to counteract or cancel the effects of something; to make something neutral or harmless
10. The government agency put out a request for tenders to _____ the maintenance of their facilities.
- v.* to enter into a contract with another party to complete a specific task or project as a part of a larger contract or agreement; to outsource a portion of work to another party
11. An _____ in certain substances causes problems with brain function.
- n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
12. Aging _____ up slowly with time.
- v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
13. Fear is _____ infectious, and children catch it from their elders.
- adv.* to an extreme degree
14. They _____ events that have already occurred.
- v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story

ANSWERS: 7. fraternity, 8. pervasive, 9. neutralize, 10. subcontract, 11. imbalance, 12. creeps, 13. exceedingly, 14. recount

15. Roads _____ from the famous building in the center of the city.
- v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
16. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
- v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
17. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
- n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
18. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.
- n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
19. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
- n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
20. The security guard stopped and _____ the suspicious-looking person at the entrance to the building.
- v. to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner
21. The patient's skin _____ procedure was successful, and he was released from the hospital.
- n. a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods

ANSWERS: 15. radiate, 16. depressed, 17. slogans, 18. bureaucracy, 19. dictator, 20. frisked, 21. graft

22. He stared _____ at his opponent before moving into the chess game.
adv. in a way that suggests a threat or danger; in an intimidating or ominous manner
23. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
24. This big gate is _____ to the small hut.
adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
25. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.
adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
26. The hikers had to climb over a _____ that was blocking their path.
n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
27. The Philippines is an _____ made up of over 7,000 islands.
n. a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
28. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.
v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
29. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.
v. to step or walk on something

ANSWERS: 22. menacingly, 23. reimagine, 24. disproportionate, 25. cynical, 26. boulder, 27. archipelago, 28. encompass, 29. treads

30. The reckless driver was a _____ to other drivers on the road.
n. a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
31. The _____ sisters hosted a fundraiser for their chosen charity.
n. a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
32. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
33. Extensive areas of _____ plants are usually called marsh.
adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known
34. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. The disease has an _____ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.
adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
36. The _____ frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.
adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling
37. Our company hired a _____ consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.
n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

ANSWERS: 30. menace, 31. sorority, 32. institutionalize, 33. emergent, 34. opportune, 35. insidious, 36. resonant, 37. techie

38. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
- n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
39. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
40. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.
- n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
41. The company decided to _____ the expensive advertising campaign and instead rely on word of mouth.
- v.* to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation
42. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.
- v.* to think or believe something
43. The _____ of an atom determines its chemical properties.
- n.* (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship
44. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.
- 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

ANSWERS: 38. migrant, 39. inherited, 40. misinformation, 41. forego, 42. reckons, 43. valence, 44. meme

45. Despite attending school, he remained _____ and unable to read or write.
adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
46. They _____ enormous power and influence.
v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
47. The island's _____ made it difficult for outsiders to integrate into the community.
n. the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality
48. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.
adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply
49. Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by _____ changes in climate.
adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
50. The CEO has enough _____ to change the company's legacy policies.
n. influence or power, especially political or social influence; a strong force or impact
51. The tabloid newspaper exposed the _____ details of the politician's scandalous affair.
adj. involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved

ANSWERS: 45. illiterate, 46. wielded, 47. insularity, 48. profoundly, 49. millennial-scale, 50. clout, 51. sordid

52. The three friends formed a tight-knit _____ always supporting and helping each other.

- n.* a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord

ANSWERS: 52. triad,