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Session 1: Word List

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect;
(verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym : affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym : mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym : existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

unwelcome

adj. not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure

synonym : uninvited, disliked, undesired

(1) **unwelcome** interruption, (2) **unwelcome** surprise

The **unwelcome** visitor quickly made their presence known.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym : down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym: shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

restriction

n. a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something

synonym : limitation, constraint, control

(1) nutritional **restriction**, (2) **restriction** on trade

The **restriction** on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym : clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

fade

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

synonym : languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

inconsequential

adj. of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible

synonym : insignificant, trivial, minor

(1) **inconsequential** details, (2) **inconsequential** effect

The mistake was **inconsequential** and did not significantly impact the outcome.

forbidden

adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

synonym : prohibited, banned, illegal

(1) **forbidden** words, (2) **forbidden** love
Taking photographs inside the museum is **forbidden**.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand
synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**
There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job
He could not **struggle** against temptation.

laughter

n. the act or sound of laughing
synonym: laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**
Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
synonym: success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the **accomplishment** of a social goal
Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
synonym: combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**
Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

- raid** *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
synonym : attack, invasion, aggression
(1) make a **raid** on an enemy's camp, (2) air- **raid** siren
Throughout the **raid**, the bank robbers wore masks.
- destroy** *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate
(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence
The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- blind** *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
synonym : sightless, unseeing, random
(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot
She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.
- heaven** *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
synonym : paradise, nirvana, utopia
(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth
He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.
- retirement** *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
synonym : resignation, withdrawal, retreat
(1) **retirement** from politics, (2) impending **retirement**
This fund is responsible for disability and **retirement** benefits.
- 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.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

jacuzzi

n. a brand name for a whirlpool bath or hot tub, often used to refer to any similar type of tub or spa; a bath or tub equipped with underwater jets for circulating and massaging water

synonym : hot tub, spa, whirlpool

(1) **jacuzzi** jets, (2) portable **jacuzzi**

The **jacuzzi** bubbles created a therapeutic and calming atmosphere.

bathtub

n. a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

synonym : tub, bath, basin

(1) **bathtub** curve, (2) **bathtub** drain

I filled the **bathtub** with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.

rubble

n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

synonym : debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym :

blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**
Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym: invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

taboo

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

synonym : forbidden, prohibited, proscribed

(1) a **taboo** word, (2) academic **taboo**

In this society, discussing politics in public is a **taboo** subject.

aftermath

n. the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event

synonym : consequence, backwash, result

(1) financial **aftermath**, (2) the **aftermath** of a crisis

The **aftermath** of the hurricane left the city in shambles.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym : onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the acc_____ent of a social goal | <i>n.</i> the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training |
| 2. pho_____ph album | <i>n.</i> a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film |
| 3. do_____te over the weak | <i>v.</i> to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something |
| 4. the co_____ct between good and evil | <i>n.</i> a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals |
| 5. clear away ru_____e | <i>n.</i> fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed |
| 6. st_____a against obesity | <i>n.</i> a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person |
| 7. nutritional res_____on | <i>n.</i> a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something |
| 8. aquatic co_____nd | <i>n.</i> an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements |

ANSWERS: 1. accomplishment, 2. photograph, 3. dominate, 4. conflict, 5. rubble, 6. stigma, 7. restriction, 8. compound

9. inc_____ial effect *adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible
10. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
11. a racing pi___n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
12. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
13. inc_____ial details *adj.* of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible
14. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
15. time z___e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
16. un_____me surprise *adj.* not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure
17. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 9. inconsequential, 10. gender, 11. pigeon, 12. journalist, 13. inconsequential, 14. struggle, 15. zone, 16. unwelcome, 17. threat

18. un___n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
19. in___t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
20. res_____on on trade *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
21. hu_____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
22. bring la_____er *n.* the act or sound of laughing
23. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
24. air-r__d siren *n.* a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
25. the af_____th of a crisis *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
26. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
27. he___n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

ANSWERS: 18. unseen, 19. insult, 20. restriction, 21. humiliate, 22. laughter, 23. bubble, 24. raid, 25. aftermath, 26. perception, 27. heaven

28. ov____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
29. pi___n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
30. a ta__o word *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
31. ja____i jets *n.* a brand name for a whirlpool bath or hot tub, often used to refer to any similar type of tub or spa; a bath or tub equipped with underwater jets for circulating and massaging water
32. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
33. a material wi____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
34. pho____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
35. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
36. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 28. overcome, 29. pigeon, 30. taboo, 31. jacuzzi, 32. zone, 33. witness, 34. photograph, 35. refuse, 36. struggle

37. hu_____te the heckler in the audience
v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
38. the ground be_____h my feet
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something
39. re____e a request
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
40. de_____y the ecosystem
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
41. proud of his acc_____ents
n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
42. ru____e-strewn road
n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
43. a picture fr__e
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
44. former co_____ue
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
45. carry a s__r
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
46. portable ja_____i
n. a brand name for a whirlpool bath or hot tub, often used to refer to any similar type of tub or spa; a bath or tub equipped with underwater jets for circulating and massaging water

ANSWERS: 37. humiliate, 38. beneath, 39. refuse, 40. destroy, 41. accomplishment, 42. rubble, 43. frame, 44. colleague, 45. scar, 46. jacuzzi

60. wi____s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
61. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
62. academic ta__o *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
63. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
64. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
65. impending ret_____nt *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
66. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
67. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
68. his majestic pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
69. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 60. witness, 61. strike, 62. taboo, 63. strip, 64. journalist, 65. retirement, 66. pursue, 67. threat, 68. presence, 69. frame

70. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
71. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
72. su____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
73. an intentional in___t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
74. fo_____en love *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
75. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
76. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
77. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
78. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
79. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 70. bubble, 71. blind, 72. survival, 73. insult, 74. forbidden, 75. communal, 76. terrify, 77. obvious, 78. decide, 79. gender

80. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
81. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
82. 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
83. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
84. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
85. the evidence of the pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
86. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
87. f__e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
88. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
89. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
90. social st____a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

ANSWERS: 80. tradition, 81. conflict, 82. decide, 83. beneath, 84. compound, 85. presence, 86. obvious, 87. fade, 88. overcome, 89. blind, 90. stigma

91. financial af_____th *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
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95. ba_____b drain *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
96. ascend to he___n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
97. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
98. fo_____en words *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
99. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 91. aftermath, 92. unwelcome, 93. scar, 94. perception, 95. bathtub, 96. heaven, 97. survival, 98. forbidden, 99. inspire

100. pu___e freedoms

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

101. ba_____b curve

n. a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

102. te_____y people

v. to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 100. pursue, 101. bathtub, 102. terrify

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
2. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
3. Some doctor says _____ is the best medicine.
n. the act or sound of laughing
4. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
5. Throughout the _____ the bank robbers wore masks.
n. a sudden short attack, usually by soldiers, ships, or aircraft
6. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.
n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
7. The _____ bubbles created a therapeutic and calming atmosphere.
n. a brand name for a whirlpool bath or hot tub, often used to refer to any similar type of tub or spa; a bath or tub equipped with underwater jets for circulating and massaging water
8. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.
n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

ANSWERS: 1. Communal, 2. bubble, 3. laughter, 4. destroyed, 5. raid, 6. witnessing, 7. jacuzzi, 8. accomplishment

9. The mistake was _____ and did not significantly impact the outcome.

adj. of little or no importance or significance; trivial or negligible

10. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

11. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

12. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

13. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

14. The _____ visitor quickly made their presence known.

adj. not wanted, not invited, or not appreciated; causing annoyance or displeasure

15. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

16. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

ANSWERS: 9. inconsequential, 10. conflicts, 11. zone, 12. survival, 13. photograph, 14. unwelcome, 15. threat, 16. colleague

17. The consequences of the pandemic remain _____ as scientists continue to research the virus.

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

18. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

19. Taking photographs inside the museum is _____.

adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

20. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

21. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

22. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

23. She intends to _____ a political career.

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

24. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

ANSWERS: 17. unseen, 18. insult, 19. forbidden, 20. refuse, 21. blind, 22. gender, 23. pursue, 24. presence

25. I filled the _____ with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.
- n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
26. He felt like _____ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.
- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
27. 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
28. In this society, discussing politics in public is a _____ subject.
- adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
29. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
30. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of _____.
- n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
31. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.
- n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 25. bathtub, 26. heaven, 27. decide, 28. taboo, 29. inspired, 30. rubble, 31. perception

32. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
- v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
33. This fund is responsible for disability and _____ benefits.
- n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
34. The _____ on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.
- n. a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
35. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
- v. to frighten someone very much
36. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
- v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
37. The _____ of the hurricane left the city in shambles.
- n. the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
38. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
39. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 32. humiliated, 33. retirement, 34. restriction, 35. terrify, 36. overcome, 37. aftermath, 38. frame, 39. struggle

40. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
41. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something
42. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
43. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
44. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
45. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
46. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
47. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.
n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

ANSWERS: 40. dominates, 41. beneath, 42. tradition, 43. journalists, 44. scar, 45. pigeon, 46. obvious, 47. compound

48. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.

- n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

49. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.

- v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

50. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

51. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.

- v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

ANSWERS: 48. stigma, 49. strip, 50. strike, 51. fade,