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Session 1: Word List

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

religion

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

synonym: faith, creed, belief

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

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

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

impose

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

synonym: charge, levy, foist

(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs

The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

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.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status

quo.

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**.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

synonym: entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym: reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

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.

immutable

adj. unchanging; permanent or unalterable

synonym: unchanging, constant, permanent

(1) **immutable** love, (2) **immutable** characteristics

The laws of physics are **immutable**; they never change.

fluid

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

synonym: liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

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.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

goddess

n. a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

synonym : deity, divinity, idol

(1) a **goddess** of beauty, (2) winged **goddess** of victory

The festival was held in honor of the harvest **goddess**.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym : pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

fiesta

n. a festive celebration or party, often involving music, dancing, and abundant food and drink; a public or community celebration held for a special occasion or event

synonym : fete, celebration, festival

(1) **fiesta** decorations, (2) **fiesta** music

The neighborhood was alive with music and laughter during the annual **fiesta** celebration.

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym : non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

pageant

n. a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition

synonym : parade, spectacle, show

(1) **pageant** queen, (2) national **pageant**

The beauty **pageant** contestants all looked stunning in their gowns.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

fee *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
synonym: charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

garment *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
synonym: apparel, clothing, attire

(1) **garment** industry, (2) silk **garment**

She hung the wet **garment** on the clothesline to dry.

swimsuit *n.* a piece of clothing worn for swimming
synonym: bathing suit, swimwear, bathers

(1) **swimsuit** model, (2) **swimsuit** designer

She wore a bright red **swimsuit** for the beach trip.

gown *n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women

synonym: dress, robe, garment

(1) a judge's **gown**, (2) **gown** for the prom

She looked stunning in her long, flowing **gown** at the formal event.

candidate *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

synonym: applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

introduction *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and

engaging.

prestigious

adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

synonym : esteemed, renowned, eminent

(1) **prestigious** award, (2) **prestigious** event

The academy is known for its **prestigious** faculty and rigorous curriculum.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

province

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

synonym : area, section, region

(1) Bengal **province**, (2) home **province**

A network of railways has developed over the **province**.

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.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment

are genuine problems.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym: fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym: operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym: permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

dignify

v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

synonym: elevate, ennoble, honor

(1) **dignify** the role, (2) **dignify** the occasion

It's important to **dignify** other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

minimize

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

synonym: diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict

I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

vigil

n. a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for

security or safety reasons

synonym: watch, observance, monitoring

(1) **vigil** for peace, (2) night **vigil**

The mother kept a **vigil** by her sick child's bedside all night.

remembrance

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

synonym: memory, recollection, commemoration

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

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

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym: endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

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.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

mentor

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

synonym: adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym : task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym : cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. mistaken id____ty
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
3. re____on sociology
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
4. pain in the ge____l area
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
5. former co____ue
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
6. fashion me____r
n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
7. service f_e
n. a sum of money charged for a particular service
8. unsolved my____y
n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 1. threat, 2. identity, 3. religion, 4. genital, 5. colleague, 6. mentor, 7. fee, 8. mystery

9. im_____le love *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
10. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
11. national pa_____t *n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition
12. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
13. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
14. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
15. di_____y the role *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
16. tra_____er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

ANSWERS: 9. immutable, 10. sham, 11. pageant, 12. rev, 13. courageous, 14. courage, 15. dignify, 16. transgender

17. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
18. as___n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
19. 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
20. pre_____us event *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
21. sw_____it model *n.* a piece of clothing worn for swimming
22. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
23. fl__d assets *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
24. im___e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
25. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
26. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 17. uncomfortable, 18. assign, 19. threat, 20. prestigious, 21. swimsuit, 22. communal, 23. fluid, 24. impose, 25. convinced, 26. movement

27. tra_____er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
28. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
29. finish the ass_____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
30. 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
31. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
32. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
33. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
34. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
35. re____t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

ANSWERS: 27. transgender, 28. curiosity, 29. assignment, 30. gender, 31. fashion, 32. introduction, 33. candidate, 34. colleague, 35. resist

36. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
37. mi_____ze a loss *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
38. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
39. g_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
40. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
41. fi___a music *n.* a festive celebration or party, often involving music, dancing, and abundant food and drink; a public or community celebration held for a special occasion or event
42. plenty of fl__ds *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
43. in_____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
44. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
45. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 36. introduction, 37. minimize, 38. rural, 39. gay, 40. encounter, 41. fiesta, 42. fluid, 43. injustice, 44. religion, 45. achieve

46. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
47. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
48. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
49. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
50. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
51. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
52. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
53. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
54. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 46. surround, 47. encounter, 48. statistics, 49. fashion, 50. movement, 51. conquer, 52. exposed, 53. mystery, 54. conversation

55. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
56. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
57. li_____e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
58. sw_____it designer *n.* a piece of clothing worn for swimming
59. re____t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
60. Bengal pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
61. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
62. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
63. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
64. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
65. 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

ANSWERS: 55. statistics, 56. courageous, 57. license, 58. swimsuit, 59. resist, 60. province, 61. assignment, 62. fee, 63. sophisticated, 64. complicated, 65. gender

66. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
67. way to mi____ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
68. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
69. im____le characteristics *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
70. ga____t industry *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
71. as____n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
72. pa____t queen *n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition
73. mys____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
74. fo____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
75. di____y the occasion *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
76. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

ANSWERS: 66. communal, 67. minimize, 68. bless, 69. immutable, 70. garment, 71. assign, 72. pageant, 73. mysterious, 74. fortunate, 75. dignify, 76. quo

77. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
78. pre_____us award *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
79. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
80. winged go_____s of victory *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
81. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
82. ge_____l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
83. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
84. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
85. software li_____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
86. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 77. quo, 78. prestigious, 79. grateful, 80. goddess, 81. tradition, 82. genital, 83. complexity, 84. rural, 85. license, 86. complexity

87. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
88. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
89. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
90. a judge's g__n *n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women
91. night vi__l *n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
92. feel com_____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
93. su_____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
94. commit su_____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
95. fi___a decorations *n.* a festive celebration or party, often involving music, dancing, and abundant food and drink; a public or community celebration held for a special occasion or event
96. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
97. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general

ANSWERS: 87. surround, 88. fortunate, 89. mysterious, 90. gown, 91. vigil, 92. compassion, 93. suicide, 94. suicide, 95. fiesta, 96. conversation, 97. broad

98. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
99. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
100. gross in_____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
101. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
102. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
103. a gr_____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
104. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
105. the professor of su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
106. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 98. sophisticated, 99. celebrate, 100. injustice, 101. curiosity, 102. courage, 103. grateful, 104. exposed, 105. surgery, 106. achieve

107. a go_____s of beauty *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored
108. eternal rem_____ce *n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
109. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
110. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
111. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
112. home pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
113. cardiac su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
114. have com_____on toward the accident *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

ANSWERS: 107. goddess, 108. remembrance, 109. sham, 110. conquer, 111. rev, 112. province, 113. surgery, 114. compassion

115. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
116. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
117. im___e tariffs *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
118. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
119. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
120. g__n for the prom *n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women
121. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
122. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
123. vi__l for peace *n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
124. 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

ANSWERS: 115. pave, 116. uncomfortable, 117. impose, 118. identity, 119. convinced, 120. gown, 121. bless, 122. complicated, 123. vigil, 124. struggle

125. 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
126. me____r for life *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
127. rem_____ce day *n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
128. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
129. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
130. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
131. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
132. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
133. silk ga_____t *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
134. 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
135. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree

ANSWERS: 125. tradition, 126. mentor, 127. remembrance, 128. pave, 129. identify, 130. broad, 131. identify, 132. candidate, 133. garment, 134. struggle, 135. gay

136. ce_____te his election

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 136. celebrate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The neighborhood was alive with music and laughter during the annual _____ celebration.
n. a festive celebration or party, often involving music, dancing, and abundant food and drink; a public or community celebration held for a special occasion or event
2. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
3. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.
adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
4. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
5. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
6. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
7. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 1. fiesta, 2. genital, 3. sophisticated, 4. religion, 5. paved, 6. achieve, 7. sham

8. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.
n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
9. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.
n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
10. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
11. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
adj. very wide; general
12. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
13. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.
v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
14. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
15. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.
v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

ANSWERS: 8. injustice, 9. license, 10. complexity, 11. broad, 12. identity, 13. minimize, 14. transgender, 15. assign

16. 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
17. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
18. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
19. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.
- n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
20. 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
21. She hung the wet _____ on the clothesline to dry.
- n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
22. He had undergone heart _____ years before.
- n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
23. 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

ANSWERS: 16. threat, 17. complicated, 18. encounter, 19. curiosity, 20. colleague, 21. garment, 22. surgery, 23. tradition

24. The festival was held in honor of the harvest _____.

n. a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

25. She was _____ for the help he provided.

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

26. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

27. It's important to _____ other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

28. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

29. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

30. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

31. His abusive words made me _____.

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

ANSWERS: 24. goddess, 25. grateful, 26. convinced, 27. dignify, 28. movement, 29. impose, 30. identify, 31. uncomfortable

32. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

33. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

34. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

35. The laws of physics are _____ they never change.

adj. unchanging; permanent or unalterable

36. The beauty _____ contestants all looked stunning in their gowns.

n. a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition

37. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

38. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

39. The academy is known for its _____ faculty and rigorous curriculum.

adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

ANSWERS: 32. candidate's, 33. fortunate, 34. surround, 35. immutable;, 36. pageant, 37. introduction, 38. exposed, 39. prestigious

40. 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

41. The mother kept a _____ by her sick child's bedside all night.

- n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons

42. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

43. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.

- adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

44. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

- n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

45. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

46. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

47. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 40. struggle, 41. vigil, 42. celebrated, 43. courageous, 44. assignment, 45. conversation, 46. courage, 47. rev

48. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.

v. to bring under control by force or authority

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

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

50. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

51. The _____ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

52. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.

adj. of or relating to the countryside

53. She wore a bright red _____ for the beach trip.

n. a piece of clothing worn for swimming

54. That style is no longer in _____.

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

55. She looked stunning in her long, flowing _____ at the formal event.

n. a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women

56. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

ANSWERS: 48. conquer, 49. remembrance, 50. quo, 51. gay, 52. rural, 53. swimsuit, 54. fashion, 55. gown, 56. mysterious

57. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
- n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
58. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.
- v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
59. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.
- n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
60. 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
61. A network of railways has developed over the _____.
- n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
62. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
63. The lawyer's ____ for the case was \$10,000.
- n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
64. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.
- n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally

ANSWERS: 57. mystery, 58. resist, 59. compassion, 60. gender, 61. province, 62. statistics, 63. fee, 64. suicide

65. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

66. As a _____ he helped me realize my career.

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

67. She was diagnosed with a _____ buildup in her lungs.

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

68. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

ANSWERS: 65. blessed, 66. mentor, 67. fluid, 68. Communal