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Session 1: Word List

- writ** *n.* a written legal order or command
synonym: legal document, order, legal process
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- agnostic** *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
synonym: skeptic, doubter, unbeliever
(1) **agnostic** world-view, (2) **agnostic** position
Her scientific background led her to be **agnostic** about the existence of a higher power.
- misty** *adj.* characterized by, obscured by, or enveloped in mist or fog; hazy or unclear, often referring to the quality of a memory or thought
synonym: hazy, foggy, blurred
(1) **misty** intention, (2) **misty** forest
The **misty** morning made it hard to see the road ahead.
- mecca** *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
synonym: cynosure, center

(1) tourist **mecca**, (2) **mecca** for surfers

The building has become a **mecca** for fans of the movie.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym: occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

chutzpah

n. the audacity, confidence, or boldness to do or say something that might be seen as shocking, daring, or disrespectful; a brazen or fearless attitude

synonym: audacity, nerve, boldness

(1) unwavering **chutzpah**, (2) sheer **chutzpah**

She displayed remarkable **chutzpah** by negotiating a higher salary during the job interview

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

transgression

n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

synonym : misdeed, crime, wrongdoing

(1) inexcusable **transgression**, (2) commit a **transgression**

Reporters questioned the politician about his past **transgression**.

hallelujah

n. an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship

synonym : praise, worship, exultation

(1) **hallelujah** chorus, (2) **hallelujah** moment

The choir ended the performance with a powerful **hallelujah**.

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.

ecstasy

n. a state of overwhelming happiness, joy, or pleasure; an emotional or mental state of intense feelings of delight or happiness that is often accompanied by intense physical sensations

synonym : rapture, bliss, euphoria

(1) **ecstasy** pills, (2) state of **ecstasy**

She danced with **ecstasy** as her favorite band played their hit song.

ordain

v. to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service

synonym : consecrate, appoint, order

(1) **ordain** a deacon, (2) **ordain** a minister

The bishop will **ordain** new priests next week during the religious ceremony.

pious

adj. deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices

synonym : religious, devout, godly

(1) **pious** belief, (2) **pious** follower

The **pious** woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.

fable

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

synonym : fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

quitter

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

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

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

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

hallucinate

v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use

(1) start to **hallucinate**, (2) **hallucinate** with drug

Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may **hallucinate**.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

synonym: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

tremble

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

synonym: shiver, flutter, quaver

(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion

When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym: ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

disorient

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

synonym : confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot viewers

Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

sunder

v. to split, separate, or divide something, often forcefully or violently; to break apart or sever a relationship or bond

synonym : divide, split, separate

(1) **sunder** relationship, (2) **sunder** a bond

The earthquake **sundered** the bridge, cutting off access to the other side of the city.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

mystic

adj. having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

synonym : secret, mystical, supernatural

(1) **mystic** teaching, (2) medieval **mystic**

He is interested in the **mystic** rites of that religion.

sane

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
synonym : rational, sound, normal

(1) for a **sane** reason, (2) **sane** judgment

Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained **sane**.

theologian

n. an expert or student who studies theology
synonym : clergyperson, philosopher, scholar

(1) Swedish **theologian**, (2) great **theologians**

Death gets more than its share of attention from **theologians**.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way
synonym : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

graham

n. a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

synonym : cracker, biscuit, wafer

(1) **graham** bread, (2) **graham** flour

I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing **graham** cracker.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
synonym : cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

uppercase

n. the capital form of a letter in a written or printed text; text or writing that is predominantly or exclusively in capital

letters

synonym : capital, capital letter, majuscule

(1) **uppercase** letter, (2) change to **uppercase**

Please type your password in **uppercase** to log into your account.

devolve

v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

synonym : degenerate, drop, decline

(1) **devolve** into chaos, (2) **devolve** his rights

As time has passed, the responsibility has **devolved** to the younger generation.

dogmatic

adj. characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence

synonym : authoritative, doctrinal, opinionated

(1) **dogmatic** beliefs, (2) **dogmatic** approach

The company's old **dogmatic** policies were the cause of its downfall.

demonstrative

adj. tending to show one's feelings or emotions openly; serving to demonstrate, explain, or prove something

synonym : ostentatious, expressive, emotional

(1) **demonstrative** evidence, (2) **demonstrative** behavior

The **demonstrative** exhibit showcased the latest advancements in technology.

arrogance

n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance

synonym : hubris, haughtiness, conceit

(1) brazen **arrogance**, (2) **arrogance** of power

He acted with **arrogance** and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

fundamentalist

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

synonym : extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**

He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

expletive

n. a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration

synonym : curse, swear word, profanity

(1) **expletive** language, (2) **expletive** pronoun

When she stubbed her toe, she let out an **expletive** in pain.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

crusader

n. a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

synonym : advocate, activist, ideologue

(1) anti-corruption **crusader**, (2) a **crusader** for justice

The history books are full of tales of legendary **crusaders** who went on epic adventures.

infidel

n. a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith

synonym : unbeliever, pagan, gentile

(1) the war against the **infidel**, (2) convert **infidel**

The historical novel portrayed the conflict between the kingdom and the so-called **infidel** invaders from the north.

doubly

adv. to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance

synonym : twice, twofold, in two ways

(1) **doubly** difficult, (2) **doubly** effective

The athlete faced a challenge that was **doubly** daunting because of her injury.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

absolutism

n. a political system in which the ruler has complete and unlimited power, often without any checks or balances from other institutions

synonym : dictatorship, tyranny, authoritarianism

(1) religious **absolutism**, (2) advocate for **absolutism**

The king's **absolutism** meant he had complete and total control over the government and the people.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym : remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging

Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym : criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

cede

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

synonym: surrender, relinquish, yield

(1) **cede** power, (2) **cede** custody of the kids

The landowner agreed to **cede** part of his property to the government for the public good.

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym: radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

messiah

n. the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible

synonym: Jesus Christ, Son of God

(1) glorify the **Messiah**, (2) the arrival of **Messiah**

Many citizens regard him as a political **messiah** of the country.

settler

n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym: frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

homophobia

n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay,

bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports
The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

hypocrite

n. a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way

synonym: pretender, two-faced, insincere

(1) environmental **hypocrite**, (2) religious **hypocrite**
She accused her boss of being a **hypocrite** for advocating for workers' rights while mistreating his employees.

misogyny

n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

synonym: sexism, chauvinism

(1) **misogyny** issue, (2) the **misogyny** of medieval Christianity
His speech was filled with **misogyny** and caused widespread outrage.

bigot

n. a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people

synonym: sectarian, dogmatizer, intolerant

(1) **bigot** mentality, (2) religious **bigot**
His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded **bigot**.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

militant

n. willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

synonym: combative, aggressive, bellicose

(1) **militant** nations, (2) a **militant** reformer

The **militant** group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

fanaticism

n. excessive and irrational enthusiasm, zeal, or devotion to a particular cause, belief, or ideology, often to the point of intolerance or extremism

synonym: zealotry, extremism

(1) blind **fanaticism**, (2) sports **fanaticism**

Religious **fanaticism** can lead to extreme beliefs and actions that may harm others.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym: persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

defiance

n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

synonym: disobedience, disregard, confrontation

(1) fierce **defiance**, (2) adopt an attitude of **defiance**

He acted in **defiance** of our decision.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

nihilist

n. a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose

synonym: anarchist, cynic, skeptic

(1) violent **nihilist**, (2) militant **nihilist**

The professor accused the student of being a **nihilist** for constantly challenging the course material.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

synonym: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

narrow-minded

adj. having a limited or closed-minded perspective; lacking tolerance or acceptance of different or opposing views or ideas

synonym: narrow-minded, prejudiced, intolerant

(1) **narrow-minded** prejudice, (2) **narrow-minded** individual

Her **narrow-minded** views prevented her from considering other perspectives and hindered her ability to connect with others.

appall

v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

synonym: shock, disgust, dismay

(1) **appall** the tourists, (2) **appall** me

The news of the massacre **appalled** the entire nation.

repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

synonym: suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression

He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

divisiveness

n. the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people

synonym: discord, disunity, division

(1) political **divisiveness**, (2) ethnic **divisiveness**

The **divisiveness** in the community was apparent during the town hall meeting.

sectarian

adj. relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

synonym: denominational, factional, partisan

(1) **sectarian** violence, (2) **sectarian** tension

The political campaign descended into a **sectarian** battle between rival parties.

obscene

adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

synonym: improper, nasty, lewd

(1) **obscene** literature, (2) an **obscene** story

He made an **obscene** gesture.

travesty

n. a mockery or satire that exaggerates or distorts something, often intending to ridicule or criticize it; a grotesque or outrageous imitation or representation

synonym: parody, mockery, sham

(1) **travesty** of the truth, (2) political **travesty**

The handling of the case was a **travesty** of justice.

thorny

adj. full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem)
difficult to deal with

synonym: prickly, spiky, bristly

(1) the **thorny** path of life, (2) **thorny** problem

The rose bush had **thorny** branches.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co_____n violence
v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
2. sheer ch_____ah
n. the audacity, confidence, or boldness to do or say something that might be seen as shocking, daring, or disrespectful; a brazen or fearless attitude
3. do___y effective
adv. to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance
4. ir___c result
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
5. change to up_____se
n. the capital form of a letter in a written or printed text; text or writing that is predominantly or exclusively in capital letters
6. religious hy_____te
n. a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way
7. issue a w__t
n. a written legal order or command
8. or___n a minister
v. to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service

ANSWERS: 1. condemn, 2. chutzpah, 3. doubly, 4. ironic, 5. uppercase, 6. hypocrite, 7. writ, 8. ordain

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ANSWERS: 9. idealist, 10. startling, 11. travesty, 12. demonstrative, 13. hallucinate, 14. sectarian, 15. dogmatic

16. environmental hy_____te *n.* a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way
17. face the da_____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
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ANSWERS: 16. hypocrite, 17. daunting, 18. plead, 19. sectarian, 20. primordial, 21. transgression, 22. travesty, 23. stubborn

24. adopt an attitude of de____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something
25. ap___l me *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
26. nar_____ded individual *adj.* having a limited or closed-minded perspective; lacking tolerance or acceptance of different or opposing views or ideas
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44. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
45. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
46. pri_____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
47. ra_____e in all directions *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
48. the mi_____ny of medieval Christianity *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
49. tourist me__a *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
50. unwavering ch_____ah *n.* the audacity, confidence, or boldness to do or say something that might be seen as shocking, daring, or disrespectful; a brazen or fearless attitude
51. hom_____ia awareness *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
52. ab_____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
53. fierce de_____ce *n.* behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

ANSWERS: 44. imperfectly, 45. intellect, 46. primordial, 47. radiate, 48. misogyny, 49. mecca, 50. chutzpah, 51. homophobia, 52. abolish, 53. defiance

54. inexcusable tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
55. ag_____ic position *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
56. moralize a fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
57. radical ex_____st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
58. di_____nt his audience *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
59. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
60. nar_____ded prejudice *adj.* having a limited or closed-minded perspective; lacking tolerance or acceptance of different or opposing views or ideas
61. at_____t community *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
62. ap___l the tourists *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
63. di_____nt and wrong-foot viewers *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
64. great the_____ans *n.* an expert or student who studies theology

ANSWERS: 54. transgression, 55. agnostic, 56. fable, 57. extremist, 58. disorient, 59. overwhelm, 60. narrow-minded, 61. atheist, 62. appall, 63. disorient, 64. theologian

65. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
66. my____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
67. political fun_____ist *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
68. ab____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
69. st____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
70. glorify the Me____h *n.* the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible
71. new se____rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
72. violent ni____st *n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
73. tr____e violently with emotion *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
74. pi__s belief *adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 65. quitter, 66. mystical, 67. fundamentalist, 68. abolish, 69. stubborn, 70. messiah, 71. settler, 72. nihilist, 73. tremble, 74. pious

75. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
76. st_____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
77. sports fan_____sm *n.* excessive and irrational enthusiasm, zeal, or devotion to a particular cause, belief, or ideology, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
78. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
79. de_____e skillfully *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
80. brazen ar_____ce *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
81. bi__t mentality *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
82. classic fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
83. advocate for abs_____sm *n.* a political system in which the ruler has complete and unlimited power, often without any checks or balances from other institutions

ANSWERS: 75. defy, 76. startling, 77. fanaticism, 78. app, 79. deceive, 80. arrogance, 81. bigot, 82. fable, 83. absolutism

84. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
85. gr___m flour *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
86. a mi_____nt reformer *n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
87. gr___m bread *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
88. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
89. at_____t belief *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
90. hal_____ah moment *n.* an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship
91. mi__y forest *adj.* characterized by, obscured by, or enveloped in mist or fog; hazy or unclear, often referring to the quality of a memory or thought
92. religious abs_____sm *n.* a political system in which the ruler has complete and unlimited power, often without any checks or balances from other institutions

ANSWERS: 84. confuse, 85. graham, 86. militant, 87. graham, 88. Jewish, 89. atheist, 90. hallelujah, 91. misty, 92. absolutism

93. mi____ny issue *n.* a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
94. th____y problem *adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
95. my____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
96. an id____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
97. fun_____ist church *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
98. medieval my____c *adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
99. dem_____ive evidence *adj.* tending to show one's feelings or emotions openly; serving to demonstrate, explain, or prove something
100. pl__d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
101. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 93. misogyny, 94. thorny, 95. mystical, 96. idealist, 97. fundamentalist, 98. mystic, 99. demonstrative, 100. plead, 101. app

102. hal_____te with drug *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
103. state of ec_____y *n.* a state of overwhelming happiness, joy, or pleasure; an emotional or mental state of intense feelings of delight or happiness that is often accompanied by intense physical sensations
104. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
105. se_____rs on some foreign shore *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
106. Je____h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
107. hal_____ah chorus *n.* an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship
108. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
109. hom_____ia in sports *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

ANSWERS: 102. hallucinate, 103. ecstasy, 104. overwhelm, 105. settler, 106. Jewish, 107. hallelujah, 108. Christ, 109. homophobia

110. convert in____l *n.* a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith
111. an ob____e story *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
112. su____r relationship *v.* to split, separate, or divide something, often forcefully or violently; to break apart or sever a relationship or bond
113. or____n a deacon *v.* to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service
114. religious bi__t *n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
115. my____c teaching *adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
116. for a s__e reason *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
117. c__e power *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

ANSWERS: 110. infidel, 111. obscene, 112. sunder, 113. ordain, 114. bigot, 115. mystic, 116. sane, 117. cede

118. pi__s follower *adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
119. ethnic div_____ess *n.* the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people
120. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
121. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
122. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
123. blind fan_____sm *n.* excessive and irrational enthusiasm, zeal, or devotion to a particular cause, belief, or ideology, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
124. ra_____e an aura *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
125. su____r a bond *v.* to split, separate, or divide something, often forcefully or violently; to break apart or sever a relationship or bond
126. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
127. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
128. ec_____y pills *n.* a state of overwhelming happiness, joy, or pleasure; an emotional or mental state of intense feelings of delight or happiness that is often accompanied by intense physical sensations

ANSWERS: 118. pious, 119. divisiveness, 120. seize, 121. condemn, 122. stark, 123. fanaticism, 124. radiate, 125. sunder, 126. imperfectly, 127. confuse, 128. ecstasy

129. up_____se letter *n.* the capital form of a letter in a written or printed text; text or writing that is predominantly or exclusively in capital letters
130. tr_____e in fear *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
131. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
132. c__e custody of the kids *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
133. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
134. militant ni_____st *n.* a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose
135. de_____e his rights *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
136. the war against the in_____l *n.* a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith

ANSWERS: 129. uppercase, 130. tremble, 131. defy, 132. cede, 133. writ, 134. nihilist, 135. devolve, 136. infidel

137. s__e judgment *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
138. Swedish the_____an *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
139. re_____s gene expression *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
140. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
141. ag_____ic world-view *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
142. do_____ic approach *adj.* characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence
143. cannot re_____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
144. a cr_____er for justice *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
145. de_____e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
146. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 137. sane, 138. theologian, 139. repress, 140. proclaim, 141. agnostic, 142. dogmatic, 143. repress, 144. crusader, 145. deceive, 146. intellect

147. the an____te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
148. me__a for surfers *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
149. the th____y path of life *adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
150. ex____ve language *n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration
151. ar____ce of power *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
152. an ir____c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 147. antidote, 148. mecca, 149. thorny, 150. expletive, 151. arrogance, 152. ironic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
2. The _____ exhibit showcased the latest advancements in technology.
adj. tending to show one's feelings or emotions openly; serving to demonstrate, explain, or prove something
3. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
4. Her _____ views prevented her from considering other perspectives and hindered her ability to connect with others.
adj. having a limited or closed-minded perspective; lacking tolerance or acceptance of different or opposing views or ideas
5. Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may _____.
v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
6. Many citizens regard him as a political _____ of the country.
n. the promised deliverer who God will send to save the Jewish people, as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible
7. The athlete faced a challenge that was _____ daunting because of her injury.
adv. to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance

ANSWERS: 1. ironic, 2. demonstrative, 3. app's, 4. narrow-minded, 5. hallucinate, 6. messiah, 7. doubly

8. The _____ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.
n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
9. The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated _____.
n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
10. The handling of the case was a _____ of justice.
n. a mockery or satire that exaggerates or distorts something, often intending to ridicule or criticize it; a grotesque or outrageous imitation or representation
11. The rose bush had _____ branches.
adj. full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
12. The king's _____ meant he had complete and total control over the government and the people.
n. a political system in which the ruler has complete and unlimited power, often without any checks or balances from other institutions
13. His speech was filled with _____ and caused widespread outrage.
n. a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women
14. The _____ morning made it hard to see the road ahead.
adj. characterized by, obscured by, or enveloped in mist or fog; hazy or unclear, often referring to the quality of a memory or thought

ANSWERS: 8. extremist, 9. homophobia, 10. travesty, 11. thorny, 12. absolutism, 13. misogyny, 14. misty

15. He made an _____ gesture.

adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

16. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

17. She danced with _____ as her favorite band played their hit song.

n. a state of overwhelming happiness, joy, or pleasure; an emotional or mental state of intense feelings of delight or happiness that is often accompanied by intense physical sensations

18. The _____ group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

n. willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

19. In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known _____.

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

20. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

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

21. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

22. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

ANSWERS: 15. obscene, 16. daunting, 17. ecstasy, 18. militant, 19. fable, 20. quitter, 21. trembled, 22. condemned

23. The _____ woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.
adj. deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
24. Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained _____.
adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
25. Her scientific background led her to be _____ about the existence of a higher power.
n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
26. The news of the massacre _____ the entire nation.
v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
27. A large proportion of railway workers in _____ colonies were white.
n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
28. He is a religious _____ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.
n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
29. He _____ with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.
v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
30. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 23. pious, 24. sane, 25. agnostic, 26. appalled, 27. settler, 28. fundamentalist, 29. pleaded, 30. Christmas

31. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

32. He acted with _____ and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance

33. He created an _____ shaped torso.

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

34. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

35. She displayed remarkable _____ by negotiating a higher salary during the job interview

n. the audacity, confidence, or boldness to do or say something that might be seen as shocking, daring, or disrespectful; a brazen or fearless attitude

36. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

37. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

38. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

39. The bishop will _____ new priests next week during the religious ceremony.

v. to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service

ANSWERS: 31. abolish, 32. arrogance, 33. imperfectly, 34. intellect, 35. chutzpah, 36. Jewish, 37. proclaimed, 38. atheist, 39. ordain

40. He describes the story with _____ reality.

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

41. While meditating, he had a _____ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

42. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might _____ dolphins and whales.

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

43. He acted in _____ of our decision.

n. behavior characterized by an open refusal to obey someone or something

44. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

45. She accused her boss of being a _____ for advocating for workers' rights while mistreating his employees.

n. a person who claims to have certain beliefs or values but acts in a way that contradicts those beliefs or values; a person who pretends to be virtuous or moral but behaves in an unethical or deceitful way

46. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

47. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

ANSWERS: 40. startling, 41. mystical, 42. disorient, 43. defiance, 44. stark, 45. hypocrite, 46. overwhelm, 47. antidote

48. Religious _____ can lead to extreme beliefs and actions that may harm others.
- n.* excessive and irrational enthusiasm, zeal, or devotion to a particular cause, belief, or ideology, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
49. I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing _____ cracker.
- n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
50. The building has become a _____ for fans of the movie.
- n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
51. The historical novel portrayed the conflict between the kingdom and the so-called _____ invaders from the north.
- n.* a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith
52. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
- adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
53. As a dedicated _____ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.
- n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

ANSWERS: 48. fanaticism, 49. graham, 50. mecca, 51. infidel, 52. stubborn, 53. idealist,

54. The landowner agreed to _____ part of his property to the government for the public good.
- v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
55. 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
56. The discovery of the _____ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.
- adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
57. Reporters questioned the politician about his past _____.
- n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
58. Please type your password in _____ to log into your account.
- n.* the capital form of a letter in a written or printed text; text or writing that is predominantly or exclusively in capital letters
59. Her remarks _____ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
60. His refusal to listen to other people's opinions made him a close-minded _____.
- n.* a person who is intolerant of others who hold different opinions, beliefs, or values, especially someone who displays stubborn and unreasonable prejudice against particular groups of people
61. He is interested in the _____ rites of that religion.
- adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding;
(noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

ANSWERS: 54. cede, 55. radiate, 56. primordial, 57. transgression, 58. uppercase, 59. confused, 60. bigot, 61. mystic

62. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

n. a written legal order or command

63. The professor accused the student of being a _____ for constantly challenging the course material.

n. a person who rejects all religious, moral, and political beliefs and values; a person who believes life is meaningless and void of purpose

64. The _____ in the community was apparent during the town hall meeting.

n. the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people

65. As time has passed, the responsibility has _____ to the younger generation.

v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

66. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

67. The company's old _____ policies were the cause of its downfall.

adj. characterized by strong and unwavering opinions or beliefs that are often expressed with force and without consideration for alternative viewpoints or evidence

68. Death gets more than its share of attention from _____.

n. an expert or student who studies theology

ANSWERS: 62. writ, 63. nihilist, 64. divisiveness, 65. devolved, 66. repressed, 67. dogmatic, 68. theologians

69. When she stubbed her toe, she let out an _____ in pain.
- n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration
70. The political campaign descended into a _____ battle between rival parties.
- adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
71. The choir ended the performance with a powerful _____.
- n.* an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship
72. The history books are full of tales of legendary _____ who went on epic adventures.
- n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
73. The magician's illusions were designed to _____ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.
- v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
74. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
- v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
75. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
- v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 69. expletive, 70. sectarian, 71. hallelujah, 72. crusaders, 73. deceive, 74. defy, 75. seize

76. The earthquake _____ the bridge, cutting off access to the other side of the city.

- v. to split, separate, or divide something, often forcefully or violently; to break apart or sever a relationship or bond

ANSWERS: 76. sundered