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Session 1: Word List

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

earmark

v. to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something

synonym: designate, allocate, assign

(1) **earmark** a plot of land, (2) **earmark** legislation

The government needs to **earmark** funds for infrastructure improvements.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

catapult

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

synonym: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

spur

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

synonym: encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

unmatched

adj. without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed

synonym : unrivaled, incomparable, peerless

(1) **unmatched** quality, (2) **unmatched** performance

The team's **unmatched** talent led them to victory in the championship game.

presumption

n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

synonym : assumption, arrogance, audacity

(1) **presumption** against forfeiture, (2) **presumption** of guilt

It is a common **presumption** that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

schism

n. a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief

synonym : division, separation, split

(1) **schism** within the community, (2) political **schism**

The church split into two factions during the **schism** in the 15th century.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym : compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually

lost everything.

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.

sacrosanct

adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence

synonym: sacred, inviolable, holy

(1) **sacrosanct** tradition, (2) **sacrosanct** belief

The tradition of the annual family reunion is **sacrosanct** and must be upheld.

dissident

n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

synonym: dissenter, rebel, protester

(1) **dissident** activities, (2) outspoken **dissident**

The government's security forces constantly monitored the **dissident** politician.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

poignant

adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

synonym: touching, moving, emotional

(1) **poignant** moment, (2) **poignant** memories

The movie's **poignant** ending left most of the audience in tears.

indulge

v. to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

synonym : pamper, gratify, entertain

(1) **indulge** in debauchery, (2) **indulge** children

She **indulged** in a warm bath after a long day at work.

dent

v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface

synonym : indent, depress, mark

(1) **dent** removal, (2) **dent** his pride

He acci **dentally** dented his car when he bumped into a tree.

indigence

n. extreme poverty; a state of being without means or resources to meet basic needs

synonym : poverty, destitution, impecuniosity

(1) extreme **indigence**, (2) cycle of **indigence**

The family's financial misfortune pushed them into **indigence**, struggling to meet their basic needs.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

rollout

n. the introduction or implementation of a new product, service, or system, particularly one that has been planned and developed over a period of time

synonym: launch, release, deployment

(1) **rollout** strategy, (2) software **rollout**

The company announced the **rollout** of its new product line next month.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

cape

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym: shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

pew

n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services

synonym: seat, church bench

(1) empty **pew**, (2) wooden **pew**

The church was filled with people sitting on the **pews**, listening to the sermon.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

dilapidated

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

synonym: rundown, shabby, decaying

(1) **dilapidated** house, (2) **dilapidated** building

The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of **dilapidated** rides.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**

GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

shoehorn

v. to squeeze, force, or insert something or someone into a place or situation where they are not easily accommodated or where they do not naturally fit; (noun) a curved, spoon-like tool used for easing one's foot or shoe into a tight-fitting shoe, often made of plastic or

metal

synonym : squeeze, force, put into

(1) **shoehorn** an additional meeting, (2) long-handled **shoehorn**

They had to **shoehorn** their ideas into the strict guidelines of the project.

illiberal

adj. opposed to liberal principles; narrow-minded or intolerant in one's views or actions; not open to new or unconventional ideas

synonym : authoritarian, intolerant, closed-minded

(1) **illiberal** practices, (2) **illiberal** regime

The **illiberal** policies implemented by the government restricted freedom of speech and expression.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym : dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

depress

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

synonym : sadden, discourage, deflate

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

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

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym : broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

headwind

n. a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption

synonym : opposition

(1) facing **headwind**, (2) flying in a **headwind**

The cyclists had to contend with strong **headwinds** during the race.

antithesis

n. the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things

synonym : opposition, contrast, reverse

(1) make an **antithesis**, (2) the **antithesis** of evil

The **antithesis** of love is hate.

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

synonym : birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

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.

harangue

v. to aggressively or forcefully address a group of people, often with a lengthy and impassioned speech; to criticize or scold someone at length and with intensity; (noun) a lengthy and aggressive speech or lecture

synonym : lecture, rant, berate

(1) **harangue** protesters, (2) emotional **harangue**

The politician used the podium to **harangue** the crowd about the importance of voting.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports

something that turns or balances

synonym : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

affidavit

n. a written statement made under oath, which is used as evidence in a legal proceeding

synonym : declaration, statement, testimony

(1) sign an **affidavit**, (2) file an **affidavit**

I must submit an **affidavit** to the court stating my version of events.

illustrious

adj. famous, respected, and honored

synonym : famous, renowned, distinguished

(1) an **illustrious** achievement, (2) **illustrious** figure

The **illustrious** scientist won the Nobel Prize for his groundbreaking work.

stricture

n. a restriction or limitation imposed on someone or something; a critical remark or comment; a tightness or narrowing in a body part, often due to a disease or injury

synonym : restriction, limitation, criticism

(1) urethral **stricture**, (2) societal **stricture**

The artist felt that the **stricture** of the traditional painting style limited his creative expression.

Session 2: Spelling

1. outspoken di_____nt
n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
2. d__t removal
v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
3. dil_____ed house
adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
4. the agricultural yield per ca___a
n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
5. traditional me_____al
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
6. ha_____ue protesters
v. to aggressively or forcefully address a group of people, often with a lengthy and impassioned speech; to criticize or scold someone at length and with intensity; (noun) a lengthy and aggressive speech or lecture
7. di_____b the peace
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
8. a det_____nt of crop yields
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 1. dissident, 2. dent, 3. dilapidated, 4. capita, 5. medicinal, 6. harangue, 7. disturb, 8. determinant

9. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
10. pre_____on against forfeiture *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
11. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
12. su_____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
13. sign an af_____it *n.* a written statement made under oath, which is used as evidence in a legal proceeding
14. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
15. ill_____us figure *adj.* famous, respected, and honored
16. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
17. em___y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
18. sac_____ct belief *adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
19. political sc___m *n.* a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief

ANSWERS: 9. obsession, 10. presumption, 11. prioritize, 12. surpass, 13. affidavit, 14. livelihood, 15. illustrious, 16. medicinal, 17. embody, 18. sacrosanct, 19. schism

20. po____nt memories *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
21. urethral st_____re *n.* a restriction or limitation imposed on someone or something; a critical remark or comment; a tightness or narrowing in a body part, often due to a disease or injury
22. ea_____k legislation *v.* to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something
23. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
24. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
25. s__r a momentum of economic growth *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
26. red c__e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
27. facing he_____nd *n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption

ANSWERS: 20. poignant, 21. stricture, 22. earmark, 23. policymaker, 24. authoritarian, 25. spur, 26. cape, 27. headwind

38. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
39. in_____e children *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
40. societal st_____re *n.* a restriction or limitation imposed on someone or something; a critical remark or comment; a tightness or narrowing in a body part, often due to a disease or injury
41. pre_____on of guilt *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
42. un_____ed quality *adj.* without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed
43. long-handled sh_____rn *v.* to squeeze, force, or insert something or someone into a place or situation where they are not easily accommodated or where they do not naturally fit; (noun) a curved, spoon-like tool used for easing one's foot or shoe into a tight-fitting shoe, often made of plastic or metal

ANSWERS: 38. policymaker, 39. indulge, 40. stricture, 41. presumption, 42. unmatched, 43. shoehorn

44. sh____rn an additional meeting *v.* to squeeze, force, or insert something or someone into a place or situation where they are not easily accommodated or where they do not naturally fit; (noun) a curved, spoon-like tool used for easing one's foot or shoe into a tight-fitting shoe, often made of plastic or metal
45. d__t his pride *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
46. deeply re____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
47. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
48. wooden p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
49. po____nt moment *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
50. flying in a he____nd *n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
51. ch____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

ANSWERS: 44. shoehorn, 45. dent, 46. resonate, 47. determinant, 48. pew, 49. poignant, 50. headwind, 51. cherish

52. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
53. cycle of in_____ce *n.* extreme poverty; a state of being without means or resources to meet basic needs
54. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
55. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
56. in_____e in debauchery *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
57. sac_____ct tradition *adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
58. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
59. chicken c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
60. di_____nt activities *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
61. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
62. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 52. capita, 53. indigence, 54. ingenuity, 55. ingenuity, 56. indulge, 57. sacrosanct, 58. embody, 59. coop, 60. dissident, 61. proclaim, 62. improvisation

63. de____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
64. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
65. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
66. make an ant_____is *n.* the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things
67. ca_____lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
68. ea_____k a plot of land *v.* to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something
69. c__e custody of the kids *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
70. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
71. fly the c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
72. il_____al regime *adj.* opposed to liberal principles; narrow-minded or intolerant in one's views or actions; not open to new or unconventional ideas

ANSWERS: 63. depress, 64. authoritarian, 65. industrialize, 66. antithesis, 67. catapult, 68. earmark, 69. cede, 70. industrialize, 71. coop, 72. illiberal

73. emotional ha_____ue *v.* to aggressively or forcefully address a group of people, often with a lengthy and impassioned speech; to criticize or scold someone at length and with intensity; (noun) a lengthy and aggressive speech or lecture
74. an ill_____us achievement *adj.* famous, respected, and honored
75. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
76. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
77. powerful ca_____lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
78. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
79. the ant_____is of evil *n.* the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things
80. il_____al practices *adj.* opposed to liberal principles; narrow-minded or intolerant in one's views or actions; not open to new or unconventional ideas
81. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
82. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

ANSWERS: 73. harangue, 74. illustrious, 75. pivot, 76. disturb, 77. catapult, 78. cherish, 79. antithesis, 80. illiberal, 81. improvisation, 82. stumble

83. file an af_____it *n.* a written statement made under oath, which is used as evidence in a legal proceeding
84. sc___m within the community *n.* a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief
85. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
86. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
87. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
88. wi__n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
89. empty p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
90. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
91. extreme in_____ce *n.* extreme poverty; a state of being without means or resources to meet basic needs
92. dil_____ed building *adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition

ANSWERS: 83. affidavit, 84. schism, 85. stumble, 86. pivot, 87. proclaim, 88. widen, 89. pew, 90. obsession, 91. indigence, 92. dilapidated

93. c__e cod

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

94. wi__n in excitement

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

ANSWERS: 93. cape, 94. widen

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.
n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
2. I must submit an _____ to the court stating my version of events.
n. a written statement made under oath, which is used as evidence in a legal proceeding
3. I could no longer earn my own _____.
n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
4. She _____ the memories of her childhood.
v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
5. The church split into two factions during the _____ in the 15th century.
n. a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief
6. The _____ of love is hate.
n. the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things
7. He acci_____dented his car when he bumped into a tree.
v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface

ANSWERS: 1. pivot, 2. affidavit, 3. livelihood, 4. cherished, 5. schism, 6. antithesis, 7. dentally

8. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
9. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
10. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
11. The government's security forces constantly monitored the _____ politician.
n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
12. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
13. The tradition of the annual family reunion is _____ and must be upheld.
adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
14. She _____ in a warm bath after a long day at work.
v. to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
15. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

ANSWERS: 8. authoritarian, 9. obsession, 10. Policymakers, 11. dissident, 12. ingenuity, 13. sacrosanct, 14. indulged, 15. proclaimed

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- adj.* famous, respected, and honored
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- n.* a restriction or limitation imposed on someone or something; a critical remark or comment; a tightness or narrowing in a body part, often due to a disease or injury
21. The family's financial misfortune pushed them into _____ struggling to meet their basic needs.
- n.* extreme poverty; a state of being without means or resources to meet basic needs
22. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 16. earmark, 17. capita, 18. cape, 19. illustrious, 20. stricture, 21. indigence, 22. medicinal

23. The politician used the podium to _____ the crowd about the importance of voting.
- v. to aggressively or forcefully address a group of people, often with a lengthy and impassioned speech; to criticize or scold someone at length and with intensity; (noun) a lengthy and aggressive speech or lecture
24. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
- v. to organize the production of something into an industry
25. The athlete's record-breaking performance _____ all expectations.
- v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
26. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
- v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
27. He _____ his investigation into a medical clinic.
- v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
28. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
29. They had to _____ their ideas into the strict guidelines of the project.
- v. to squeeze, force, or insert something or someone into a place or situation where they are not easily accommodated or where they do not naturally fit; (noun) a curved, spoon-like tool used for easing one's foot or shoe into a tight-fitting shoe, often made of plastic or metal

ANSWERS: 23. harangue, 24. industrialize, 25. surpassed, 26. embody, 27. widened, 28. prioritized, 29. shoehorn

30. The _____ policies implemented by the government restricted freedom of speech and expression.

adj. opposed to liberal principles; narrow-minded or intolerant in one's views or actions; not open to new or unconventional ideas

31. The company announced the _____ of its new product line next month.

n. the introduction or implementation of a new product, service, or system, particularly one that has been planned and developed over a period of time

32. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

33. The threat of losing his job was the _____ he needed to work harder.

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

34. She _____ over the tree root.

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

35. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

36. The army used a _____ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

37. The sound _____ well in this theater.

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

ANSWERS: 30. illiberal, 31. rollout, 32. coop, 33. spur, 34. stumbled, 35. determinant, 36. catapult, 37. resonates

38. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

39. It is a common _____ that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

40. The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of _____ rides.

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

41. 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

42. The economic recession _____ the housing market.

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

43. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

44. The team's _____ talent led them to victory in the championship game.

adj. without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed

ANSWERS: 38. disturb, 39. presumption, 40. dilapidated, 41. cede, 42. depressed, 43. improvisation, 44. unmatched

45. The church was filled with people sitting on the _____ listening to the sermon.
n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
46. The movie's _____ ending left most of the audience in tears.
adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
47. The cyclists had to contend with strong _____ during the race.
n. a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption

ANSWERS: 45. pews, 46. poignant, 47. headwinds