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Session 1: Word List

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym: straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

clipboard

n. a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place

synonym: notepad, writing board, memo pad

(1) **clipboard** with a pen, (2) write on a **clipboard**

The nurse carried a **clipboard** with the patient's medical information.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

ape

n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

synonym: monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

chimpanzee

n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

synonym : ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

bonobo

n. a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament

synonym : ape, chimpanzee, monkey

(1) endangered **bonobo**, (2) **bonobo** habitat

The **bonobo** sanctuary is dedicated to protecting and rehabilitating these endangered primates.

primate

n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

synonym : ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary

Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

gorilla

n. a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

synonym : ape, chimpanzee, orangutan

(1) **gorilla** habitat, (2) endangered **gorilla**

The **gorilla** at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.

orangutan

n. a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits

(1) **orangutan** arm, (2) female **orangutan**

The researcher found new species of **orangutan** on the

island.

fidelity

n. faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

synonym: loyalty, devotion, allegiance

(1) **fidelity** guarantee deposit, (2) high **fidelity** music

The couple promised each other **fidelity** in their marriage vows.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym: antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

anatomical

adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

synonym: physical, bodily, structural

(1) **anatomical** structure, (2) **anatomical** elements

The **anatomical** model of the human body was used to teach medical students.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

egalitarian

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

synonym: equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

promiscuous

adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

synonym : indiscriminate, loose, promiscuous

(1) **promiscuous** bathing, (2) **promiscuous** lifestyle

He was known for his **promiscuous** behavior.

monogamy

n. the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner

synonym : marriage, monandry, monogamousness

(1) **monogamy** rules, (2) practice **monogamy**

Many religious institutions promote **monogamy** as the ideal form of marriage.

omnivore

n. a type of animal that eats both plants and animals as part of their diet; a metaphorical term used to describe a person who has wide-ranging interests or can appreciate and enjoy a variety of things

synonym : scavenger, carnivore, herbivore

(1) **omnivore** diet, (2) **omnivore** preference

Gorillas are technically considered **omnivores** because they occasionally consume insects and small animals.

prude

n. a person who is excessively modest or easily offended by matters related to sex or nudity

synonym : puritan, priggish person, bluenose

(1) **prude** attitude, (2) a self-proclaimed **prude**

They saw him as a **prude** because he didn't partake in their night out drinking.

perplexity

n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

synonym: confusion, bewilderment, uncertainty

(1) a **perplexity** issue, (2) resolve **perplexity**

The **perplexity** of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.

swelling

n. an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury

synonym: bulge, bump, inflammation

(1) **swelling** of the ankle, (2) hard **swelling** on the body

After intensive icing by the trainer, the **swelling** went down.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

menstrual

adj. of or relating to the time when a woman menstruates (= to discharge the blood from the uterus) each month

synonym: catamenial

(1) a **menstrual** period, (2) **menstrual** blood

The average length of a woman's **menstrual** cycle is 21 to 35 days.

menstruate

v. to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus

synonym: period, menstruation, menarche

(1) **menstruate** regularly, (2) failure to **menstruate**

The teenage girl began to **menstruate** last month.

menopause

n. the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55

synonym: climacteric, midlife transition

(1) **menopause** symptoms, (2) before **menopause**

The onset of **menopause** can bring about various physical and emotional changes in women.

gibbon

n. a type of small to medium-sized ape found in the tropical forests of Southeast Asia, known for their long arms, agile movement, and distinct vocalizations

synonym : ape, primate, monkey

(1) **gibbon** conservation, (2) hoolock **gibbon**

The **gibbons'** loud calls echo through the forest, announcing their territories to rival groups.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

testicle

n. one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels

synonym : ballock, gonad, ball

(1) **testicle** injury, (2) swollen **testicles**

The athlete was hit in the **testicle** during the game and had to be removed.

equate

v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

synonym : associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

sham

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

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

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

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

paternity

n. the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father

synonym : fatherhood, fathering, parenthood

(1) **paternity** suit, (2) **paternity** test

The **paternity** leave policy at his workplace allowed him to take time off to bond with his new baby

fetus

n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

(1) development of the **fetus**, (2) an aborted **fetus**

The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a **fetus**.

semen

n. the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy

synonym : sperm, reproductive fluid, seed

(1) **semen** donation, (2) **semen** volume

After undergoing a **semen** analysis, the doctor told him that he had a low sperm count.

procreation

n. the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction

synonym : progeny, offspring, breeding

(1) **procreation** instinct, (2) natural **procreation**

The use of contraception can significantly impact the rate of **procreation** within a population.

unconventional

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

synonym : nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

polyamory

n. the practice or lifestyle of having multiple romantic or sexual relationships simultaneously with the consent and knowledge of all parties involved

synonym: open relationship, ethical non-monogamy, polygamy

(1) **polyamory** relationship, (2) ethical **polyamory**

My **polyamory** partner and I have an open and honest relationship where we both can explore romantic connections with other people.

instinctive

adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

synonym: spontaneous, intuitive, natural

(1) **instinctive** reaction, (2) **instinctive** behavior

It was **instinctive** for the mother to protect her child from harm.

conflate

v. to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one

synonym: fuse, blend, merge

(1) **conflate** ideas, (2) **conflate** data

It's important not to **conflate** two issues when analyzing a complex situation.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

Venus

n. the planet second in order from the sun

(1) **Venus** orbiter, (2) surface of **Venus**

They launched a rocket toward **Venus**.

perplexing

adj. causing confusion or uncertainty; difficult to understand or explain; puzzling or mystifying

synonym: puzzling, confusing, baffling

(1) **perplexing** situation, (2) **perplexing** problem

The novel's ambiguous ending left readers with a **perplexing** message.

nonviolence

n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

synonym: pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

prehistoric

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

synonym: ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistorical** findings.

debatable

adj. open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted

synonym: questionable, uncertain, open to discussion

(1) the validity of the theory is **debatable**, (2) **debatable** topic

Whether or not extraterrestrial life exists is still **debatable** among scientists.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pre_____ic settlements
adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
2. Ve__s orbiter
n. the planet second in order from the sun
3. om_____re preference
n. a type of animal that eats both plants and animals as part of their diet; a metaphorical term used to describe a person who has wide-ranging interests or can appreciate and enjoy a variety of things
4. co_____te data
v. to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one
5. de_____le topic
adj. open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted
6. hoolock gi____n
n. a type of small to medium-sized ape found in the tropical forests of Southeast Asia, known for their long arms, agile movement, and distinct vocalizations
7. or_____an arm
n. a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
8. per_____ng situation
adj. causing confusion or uncertainty; difficult to understand or explain; puzzling or mystifying

ANSWERS: 1. prehistoric, 2. Venus, 3. omnivore, 4. conflate, 5. debatable, 6. gibbon, 7. orangutan, 8. perplexing

9. ins_____ve reaction *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
10. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
11. failure to men_____te *v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus
12. pr_____e species *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
13. ega_____an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
14. te_____le injury *n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels
15. a self-proclaimed pr__e *n.* a person who is excessively modest or easily offended by matters related to sex or nudity
16. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 9. instinctive, 10. provoke, 11. menstruate, 12. primate, 13. egalitarian, 14. testicle, 15. prude, 16. anthropology

17. in an unc_____nal manner *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
18. om_____re diet *n.* a type of animal that eats both plants and animals as part of their diet; a metaphorical term used to describe a person who has wide-ranging interests or can appreciate and enjoy a variety of things
19. chi_____ee society *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
20. me_____al blood *adj.* of or relating to the time when a woman menstruates (= to discharge the blood from the uterus) each month
21. bo____o habitat *n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
22. a me_____al period *adj.* of or relating to the time when a woman menstruates (= to discharge the blood from the uterus) each month
23. an aborted fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
24. me_____se symptoms *n.* the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55

ANSWERS: 17. unconventional, 18. omnivore, 19. chimpanzee, 20. menstrual, 21. bonobo, 22. menstrual, 23. fetus, 24. menopause

25. female or_____an *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
26. per_____ng problem *adj.* causing confusion or uncertainty; difficult to understand or explain; puzzling or mystifying
27. resolve per_____ty *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
28. gi____n conservation *n.* a type of small to medium-sized ape found in the tropical forests of Southeast Asia, known for their long arms, agile movement, and distinct vocalizations
29. sw_____ng of the ankle *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
30. ana_____al structure *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
31. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
32. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
33. se__n donation *n.* the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy
34. het_____ual relationship *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
35. pro_____us lifestyle *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

ANSWERS: 25. orangutan, 26. perplexing, 27. perplexity, 28. gibbon, 29. swelling, 30. anatomical, 31. descend, 32. humming, 33. semen, 34. heterosexual, 35. promiscuous

36. pr____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
37. endangered bo____o *n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
38. pa____ty suit *n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father
39. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
40. pr__e attitude *n.* a person who is excessively modest or easily offended by matters related to sex or nudity
41. eq____e to legal responsibility *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
42. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
43. pr____e sanctuary *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
44. ant____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 36. provoke, 37. bonobo, 38. paternity, 39. empathy, 40. prude, 41. equate, 42. sham, 43. primate, 44. anthropology

45. het_____ual marriage *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
46. swollen te_____les *n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels
47. po_____ry relationship *n.* the practice or lifestyle of having multiple romantic or sexual relationships simultaneously with the consent and knowledge of all parties involved
48. non_____ce protest *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
49. pa_____ty test *n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father
50. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
51. a per_____ty issue *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
52. non_____ce movement *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

ANSWERS: 45. heterosexual, 46. testicle, 47. polyamory, 48. nonviolence, 49. paternity, 50. ancestor, 51. perplexity, 52. nonviolence

53. pro_____on instinct *n.* the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction
54. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
55. surface of Ve__s *n.* the planet second in order from the sun
56. men_____te regularly *v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus
57. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
58. the validity of the theory is de_____le *adj.* open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted
59. pre_____ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
60. co_____te ideas *v.* to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one
61. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
62. endangered go_____a *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
63. ethical po_____ry *n.* the practice or lifestyle of having multiple romantic or sexual relationships simultaneously with the consent and knowledge of all parties involved

ANSWERS: 53. procreation, 54. artifact, 55. Venus, 56. menstruate, 57. artifact, 58. debatable, 59. prehistoric, 60. conflate, 61. descend, 62. gorilla, 63. polyamory

64. pro_____us bathing *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
65. development of the fe__s *n.* an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal
66. eq___e mistakes with failure *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
67. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
68. unc_____nal ideas *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
69. ega_____an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
70. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
71. chi_____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
72. fi_____ty guarantee deposit *n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

ANSWERS: 64. promiscuous, 65. fetus, 66. equate, 67. ancestor, 68. unconventional, 69. egalitarian, 70. trajectory, 71. chimpanzee, 72. fidelity

73. practice mo____my *n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
74. cl_____rd with a pen *n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place
75. ins_____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
76. se__n volume *n.* the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy
77. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
78. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
79. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
80. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
81. write on a cl_____rd *n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place
82. ana_____al elements *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

ANSWERS: 73. monogamy, 74. clipboard, 75. instinctive, 76. semen, 77. trajectory, 78. empathy, 79. humming, 80. sham, 81. clipboard, 82. anatomical

83. high fi____ty music *n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something
84. natural pro_____on *n.* the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction
85. play the a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
86. before me_____se *n.* the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55
87. mo_____my rules *n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
88. hard sw_____ng on the body *n.* an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury
89. go_____a habitat *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
90. jungle a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

ANSWERS: 83. fidelity, 84. procreation, 85. ape, 86. menopause, 87. monogamy, 88. swelling, 89. gorilla, 90. ape

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It isn't very reasonable to _____ money with happiness.
v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
2. He identified as _____ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.
adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
3. It's important not to _____ two issues when analyzing a complex situation.
v. to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one
4. The _____ sanctuary is dedicated to protecting and rehabilitating these endangered primates.
n. a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
5. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
6. Many religious institutions promote _____ as the ideal form of marriage.
n. the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
7. After undergoing a _____ analysis, the doctor told him that he had a low sperm count.
n. the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy

ANSWERS: 1. equate, 2. heterosexual, 3. conflate, 4. bonobo, 5. sham, 6. monogamy, 7. semen

8. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
9. The _____ model of the human body was used to teach medical students.
- adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
10. The novel's ambiguous ending left readers with a _____ message.
- adj.* causing confusion or uncertainty; difficult to understand or explain; puzzling or mystifying
11. The _____ loud calls echo through the forest, announcing their territories to rival groups.
- n.* a type of small to medium-sized ape found in the tropical forests of Southeast Asia, known for their long arms, agile movement, and distinct vocalizations
12. Whether or not extraterrestrial life exists is still _____ among scientists.
- adj.* open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted
13. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
14. The athlete was hit in the _____ during the game and had to be removed.
- n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels

ANSWERS: 8. Empathy, 9. anatomical, 10. perplexing, 11. gibbons', 12. debatable, 13. anthropology, 14. testicle

15. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
16. The use of contraception can significantly impact the rate of _____ within a population.
n. the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction
17. The _____ of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.
n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
18. Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of _____ in the fight for civil rights.
n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
19. The onset of _____ can bring about various physical and emotional changes in women.
n. the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55
20. The nurse carried a _____ with the patient's medical information.
n. a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place
21. He was known for his _____ behavior.
adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
22. After intensive icing by the trainer, the _____ went down.
n. an abnormal local enlargement of a part of your body, mainly because of illness or injury

ANSWERS: 15. provoked, 16. procreation, 17. perplexity, 18. nonviolence, 19. menopause, 20. clipboard, 21. promiscuous, 22. swelling

23. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
24. The researcher found new species of _____ on the island.
n. a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
25. Scientists often fail to date archeological or _____ findings.
adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
26. The teenage girl began to _____ last month.
v. to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus
27. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
28. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
29. Many scientists study _____ behavior and intelligence.
n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
30. The female vagina is elastic enough to allow the passage of a _____.
n. an unborn or unhatched animal in the later stages of development showing the main recognizable features of the mature animal

ANSWERS: 23. ancestor, 24. orangutan, 25. prehistorical, 26. menstruate, 27. artifacts, 28. descended, 29. primate, 30. fetus

31. The _____ at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.
n. a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
32. The scientist studied the behavior of _____ in the wild.
n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
33. They launched a rocket toward _____.
n. the planet second in order from the sun
34. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
35. Her _____ approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.
adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
36. It was _____ for the mother to protect her child from harm.
adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
37. They saw him as a _____ because he didn't partake in their night out drinking.
n. a person who is excessively modest or easily offended by matters related to sex or nudity
38. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

ANSWERS: 31. gorilla, 32. apes, 33. Venus, 34. humming, 35. unconventional, 36. instinctive, 37. prude, 38. trajectory

39. Gorillas are technically considered _____ because they occasionally consume insects and small animals.
- n.* a type of animal that eats both plants and animals as part of their diet; a metaphorical term used to describe a person who has wide-ranging interests or can appreciate and enjoy a variety of things
40. The couple promised each other _____ in their marriage vows.
- n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something
41. The average length of a woman's _____ cycle is 21 to 35 days.
- adj.* of or relating to the time when a woman menstruates (= to discharge the blood from the uterus) each month
42. The company prides itself on being an _____ workplace with equal employment opportunities.
- adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
43. Many zoos have _____ exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.
- n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
44. The _____ leave policy at his workplace allowed him to take time off to bond with his new baby
- n.* the state of being a father; the attribution of a specific child to a particular father; the characteristics or traits inherited or passed down from a father
45. My _____ partner and I have an open and honest relationship where we both can explore romantic connections with other people.
- n.* the practice or lifestyle of having multiple romantic or sexual relationships simultaneously with the consent and knowledge of all parties involved

ANSWERS: 39. omnivores, 40. fidelity, 41. menstrual, 42. egalitarian, 43. chimpanzee, 44. paternity, 45. polyamory

ANSWERS: