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Session 1: Word List

prophecy

v. to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns

synonym: predict, foretell, prophesize

(1) **prophecy** doom, (2) **prophecy** success

The famous author was able to **prophecy** technological advancements that were beyond the imagination of his time.

gratuitous

adj. given or done without charge or payment

synonym: unwarranted, unjustified, unmerited

(1) render **gratuitous** service, (2) **gratuitous** insult

The **gratuitous** violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.

troubleshoot

v. to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations

synonym: diagnose, fix, repair

(1) **troubleshoot** network issues, (2) **troubleshoot** software problems

I need to **troubleshoot** why my computer keeps freezing.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym : corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym : great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym : appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

humanoid

n. a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human

synonym : android, anthropomorphic

(1) **humanoid** hand, (2) **humanoid** design

The **humanoid** robot was able to mimic human movements and expressions.

android

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

synonym : droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity
The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

drudgery

n. hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant
synonym: tedium, laboriousness, grind

(1) office **drudgery**, (2) daily **drudgery**

The tedious **drudgery** of answering phones all day made me want to quit my job.

toil

v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

synonym: struggle, labor, work hard

(1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain

The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

financier

n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

synonym: banker, investor, capitalist

(1) **financier** scandals, (2) powerful **financier**

The wealthy **financier** made a generous donation to the charity.

enlighten

v. to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense

synonym: inform, educate, illuminate

(1) **enlighten** legions of people, (2) **enlighten** other countries

The teacher sought to **enlighten** her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.

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.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

craftsman

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

synonym: artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym: restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

freeman

n. a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote

synonym: citizen, individual, person

(1) **freeman** rights, (2) **freeman** status

In the colonial period, only **freeman** was allowed to vote.

hyperbole

n. exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point

synonym: exaggeration, overstatement, embellishment

(1) escalate the **hyperbole**, (2) avoid **hyperbole** in writing

The marketing campaign relied heavily on **hyperbole** to sell the product.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

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.

apocryphal

adj. of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true

synonym : spurious, questionable, dubious

(1) **apocryphal** account, (2) **apocryphal** text

The story of George Washington and the cherry tree is likely **apocryphal** but still taught in schools.

anecdote

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

synonym : story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym : successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

postwar

adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

synonym : subsequent, aftermath

(1) **postwar** years, (2) **postwar** society

The **postwar** period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym : polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym : anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym : worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym : shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

diverge

v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course

synonym: separate, split, part

(1) **diverge** from tradition, (2) **diverge** from the main topic

As tectonic plates **diverge**, new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

synonym: strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody **entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

froth

n. a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

synonym : foam, lather

(1) beer **froth**, (2) **froth** in the ocean

The cappuccino was topped with **froth**, making it look like a work of art.

stifle

v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

synonym : smother, suppress, suffocate

(1) **stifle** a laugh, (2) **stifle** creativity

The oppressive regime tried to **stifle** free speech and dissent.

complacent

adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

synonym : content, satisfied, self-satisfied

(1) **complacent** attitude, (2) **complacent** with past successes

He became **complacent** in his job and stopped trying to improve.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

gulag

n. (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor

synonym : prison camp, labor camp, detention center

(1) **gulag** survivor, (2) **gulag** labor

Thousands of political prisoners were held in the **gulag** during the Soviet era.

hindsight

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

synonym : retrospect, afterthought

(1) **hindsight** bias, (2) 20/20 **hindsight**

With **hindsight**, we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym : sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

shabby

adj. (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect

synonym : dilapidated, run-down, shoddy

(1) **shabby** appearance, (2) **shabby** treatment

The **shabby** couch had seen better days.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

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.

jeopardy

n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss

synonym : danger, risk, peril

(1) put his life in **jeopardy**, (2) tax in **jeopardy**

The project is in **jeopardy** of being canceled due to a lack of funding.

apathetic

adj. lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested

synonym : indifferent, uninterested, unconcerned

(1) **apathetic** attitude, (2) **apathetic** response

She was **apathetic** about the project and didn't care if it succeeded or failed.

hard-hearted

adj. lacking compassion, sympathy, or kindness; unfeeling or unsympathetic towards the suffering or distress of others

synonym : cold-hearted, unfeeling, callous

(1) **hard-hearted** person, (2) **hard-hearted** response

His **hard-hearted** refusal to help his friend in need left her

feeling betrayed.

wordsmith

n. a skilled or creative writer; someone who has a way with words and uses language effectively and eloquently

synonym: writer

(1) aspiring **wordsmith**, (2) talented **wordsmith**

The renowned **wordsmith** carefully selected each word to create a masterpiece.

tireless

adj. characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged

synonym: indefatigable, persistent, unflagging

(1) **tireless** dedication, (2) **tireless** charity work

The politician was known for his **tireless** efforts to improve healthcare.

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym: non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 3. talented wo_____th | <i>n.</i> a skilled or creative writer; someone who has a way with words and uses language effectively and eloquently |
| 4. fr____n rights | <i>n.</i> a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote |
| 5. negative ste_____pes | <i>n.</i> a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense |
| 6. sh____y treatment | <i>adj.</i> (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect |
| 7. in____te the quality of his life | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
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ANSWERS: 1. glitter, 2. flourish, 3. wordsmith, 4. freeman, 5. stereotype, 6. shabby, 7. innovate, 8. provoke, 9. humanoid, 10. laborer

11. avoid hy_____le in writing *n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
12. political pa____n *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
13. t__l up the mountain *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
14. put his life in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
15. give sm_____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
16. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
17. apo_____al text *adj.* of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true
18. apo_____al account *adj.* of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true
19. An_____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
20. po_____r society *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

ANSWERS: 11. hyperbole, 12. patron, 13. toil, 14. jeopardy, 15. smashing, 16. pretension, 17. apocryphal, 18. apocryphal, 19. android, 20. postwar

21. political pl____ok *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
22. tax in je____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
23. di____e from the main topic *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
24. regional pol____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
25. talented ph____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
26. co____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
27. gu__g survivor *n.* (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor
28. so____al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
29. in____t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

ANSWERS: 21. playbook, 22. jeopardy, 23. diverge, 24. policymaker, 25. physicist, 26. constrain, 27. gulag, 28. societal, 29. inject

30. powerful fi_____er *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
31. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
32. tro_____oot network issues *v.* to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations
33. gu__g labor *n.* (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor
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35. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
36. the pa___n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

ANSWERS: 30. financier, 31. prosperous, 32. troubleshoot, 33. gulag, 34. dystopia, 35. aisle, 36. patron

37. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
38. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
39. aspiring wo_____th *n.* a skilled or creative writer; someone who has a way with words and uses language effectively and eloquently
40. pr_____sy doom *v.* to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns
41. har_____ted person *adj.* lacking compassion, sympathy, or kindness; unfeeling or unsympathetic towards the suffering or distress of others
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44. personal an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

ANSWERS: 37. entrepreneurship, 38. explode, 39. wordsmith, 40. prophesy, 41. hard-hearted, 42. prophesy, 43. stereotype, 44. anecdote

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46. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
47. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
48. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
49. the escape from dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
50. 20/20 hi_____ht *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
51. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
52. render gra_____us service *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
53. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
54. chronic bo_____m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

ANSWERS: 45. pretension, 46. astonishing, 47. overlook, 48. firsthand, 49. dystopia, 50. hindsight, 51. innovate, 52. gratuitous, 53. astonishing, 54. boredom

55. theoretical ph_____st	<i>n.</i> a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
56. hi_____ht bias	<i>n.</i> understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
57. co____r degree	<i>v.</i> to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
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65. op_____ne occasion	<i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 55. physicist, 56. hindsight, 57. confer, 58. shabby, 59. humanoid, 60. hard-hearted, 61. disbeliever, 62. constrain, 63. complacent, 64. craftsman, 65. opportune

66. fi_____er scandals *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
67. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
68. daily dr_____ry *n.* hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant
69. t__l to make a living *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
70. en_____en other countries *v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
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87. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
88. di_____e from tradition *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
89. fr__h in the ocean *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
90. a sm_____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
91. l__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
92. beer fr__h *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

ANSWERS: 84. polarization, 85. apathetic, 86. anecdote, 87. opportune, 88. diverge, 89. froth, 90. smashing, 91. loom, 92. froth

93. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
94. escalate the hy_____le *n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
95. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
96. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
97. bo_____m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
98. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
99. ap_____ic response *adj.* lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested
100. th____y problem *adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
101. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
102. cr_____an skill *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
103. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

ANSWERS: 93. prosperous, 94. hyperbole, 95. rethink, 96. provoke, 97. boredom, 98. firsthand, 99. apathetic, 100. thorny, 101. overlook, 102. craftsman, 103. polarization

104. fl____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
105. com_____nt attitude *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
106. po_____r years *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
107. gl_____r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
108. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
109. the th____y path of life *adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
110. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
111. tro_____oot software problems *v.* to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations
112. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
113. gra_____us insult *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
114. ti_____ss dedication *adj.* characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged
115. en_____en legions of people *v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense

ANSWERS: 104. flourish, 105. complacent, 106. postwar, 107. glitter, 108. rethink, 109. thorny, 110. disbeliever, 111. troubleshoot, 112. explode, 113. gratuitous, 114. tireless, 115. enlighten

116. st___e a laugh

v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

ANSWERS: 116. stifle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.
n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

2. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

3. The famous author was able to _____ technological advancements that were beyond the imagination of his time.
v. to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns

4. The cappuccino was topped with _____ making it look like a work of art.
n. a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

5. The construction site hired many _____ to help with the heavy lifting.
n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

6. The teacher sought to _____ her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.
v. to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense

7. The _____ period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.
adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

ANSWERS: 1. polarization, 2. opportune, 3. prophesy, 4. froth, 5. laborers, 6. enlighten, 7. postwar

8. The marketing campaign relied heavily on _____ to sell the product.
n. exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
9. As tectonic plates _____ new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.
v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
10. The _____ violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.
adj. given or done without charge or payment
11. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
12. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.
n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
13. She was _____ about the project and didn't care if it succeeded or failed.
adj. lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested
14. The politician was known for his _____ efforts to improve healthcare.
adj. characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged
15. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 8. hyperbole, 9. diverge, 10. gratuitous, 11. stereotypes, 12. physicist, 13. apathetic, 14. tireless, 15. pretensions

16. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

17. His _____ refusal to help his friend in need left her feeling betrayed.

adj. lacking compassion, sympathy, or kindness; unfeeling or unsympathetic towards the suffering or distress of others

18. The rose bush had _____ branches.

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

19. The project is in _____ of being canceled due to a lack of funding.

n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss

20. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

21. With _____ we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

22. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

23. I need to _____ why my computer keeps freezing.

v. to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations

24. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

ANSWERS: 16. loomed, 17. hard-hearted, 18. thorny, 19. jeopardy, 20. astonishing, 21. hindsight, 22. dystopias, 23. troubleshoot, 24. prosperous

25. The tedious _____ of answering phones all day made me want to quit my job.
- n.* hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant
26. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
- adj.* relating to society or social relationships
27. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
- v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
28. The oppressive regime tried to _____ free speech and dissent.
- v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
29. In the colonial period, only _____ was allowed to vote.
- n.* a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote
30. Her dress _____ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.
- v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
31. They have been a _____ of this restaurant for many years.
- n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
32. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 25. drudgery, 26. societal, 27. inject, 28. stifle, 29. freeman, 30. glittered, 31. patron, 32. confer

33. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.
adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
34. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.
n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
35. The _____ robot was able to mimic human movements and expressions.
n. a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human
36. The farmers _____ in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.
v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
37. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
38. The lab is developing an _____ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.
n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
39. The renowned _____ carefully selected each word to create a masterpiece.
n. a skilled or creative writer; someone who has a way with words and uses language effectively and eloquently
40. She entertained the guests with _____ about her travels and experiences.
n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

ANSWERS: 33. smashing, 34. aisle, 35. humanoid, 36. toiled, 37. firsthand, 38. android, 39. wordsmith, 40. anecdotes

41. _____ 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.
42. The _____ couch had seen better days.
- adj.* (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect
43. Thousands of political prisoners were held in the _____ during the Soviet era.
- n.* (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor
44. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.
- n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
45. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.
- n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
46. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
47. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
- v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
48. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
- v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

ANSWERS: 41. Policymakers, 42. shabby, 43. gulag, 44. disbeliever, 45. entrepreneurship, 46. rethink, 47. constrained, 48. provoked

49. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

50. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

51. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off _____.

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

52. The adept _____ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

53. He became _____ in his job and stopped trying to improve.

adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

54. The story of George Washington and the cherry tree is likely _____ but still taught in schools.

adj. of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true

55. The wealthy _____ made a generous donation to the charity.

n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

56. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 49. flourished, 50. overlook, 51. boredom, 52. craftsman, 53. complacent, 54. apocryphal, 55. financier, 56. innovate

57. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

58. The coach's _____ helped the team win the championship.

- n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

ANSWERS: 57. exploded, 58. playbook