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Session 1: Word List

sparkle

v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

synonym: shine, glimmer, twinkle

(1) **sparkle** like a gem, (2) **sparkle** from receiving light
The diamond **sparkled** in the sunlight.

glow

v. to give out a steady, strong light

synonym: shine, radiate, beam

(1) **glow** a pale orange, (2) **glow** gold in the light
The sun was setting, and the sky **glowed** with beautiful colors.

stain

v. to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove

synonym: discolor, tarnish, defile

(1) **stain** the carpet, (2) red wine **stain**
The allegations of corruption **stained** her reputation, and she struggled to regain public trust.

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.

campsite

n. a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits

synonym : campground, camping area, outdoor site

(1) **campsite** location, (2) scenic **campsite**

The firewood at the **campsite** was wet and made it hard to start a fire.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym : skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

bluff

v. to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion

synonym : abrupt, cliff, precipice

(1) **bluff** the other side, (2) riverside **bluff**

He **bluffed** a person out of going.

crystal

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

synonym : quartz

(1) liquid **crystal**, (2) **crystal** analyses

A vast **crystal** chandelier glittered brightly above us.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

horror

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

synonym: fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

aluminum

n. a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts

(1) a layer of **aluminum** foil, (2) an **aluminum** alloy

Some of the parts of this car are made of **aluminum** to reduce weight.

foil

n. a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to

contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions

synonym: enhancer, transparency, (verb) curb

(1) aluminum **foil**, (2) **foil** a terror plot

The baker covered the cake with **foil** to prevent it from burning in the oven.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym: amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

synonym: streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process

Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

configure

v. to set up or arrange something in a particular way or for a specific purpose

synonym: arrange, set up, organize

(1) **configure** alarm notification, (2) **configure** options

I need to **configure** my computer's settings to connect to the internet.

sanitation

n. the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner

synonym: cleanliness, hygiene, sterilization

(1) **sanitation** standards, (2) poor **sanitation**
Sanitation workers play a critical role in keeping our cities clean and healthy.

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
synonym: waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**
The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

recyclability

n. the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm

synonym: reusability, sustainability, renewability

(1) **recyclability** rate, (2) low **recyclability** problem
The **recyclability** of electronic devices is a significant challenge due to the complexity of their components.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom
As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

uniform

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

synonym: livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**
This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym: obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym: building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

outsider

n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

synonym: stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

mechanical

adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

synonym: machinelike, automated, automatic

(1) a **mechanical** style of writing, (2) the influence of **mechanical** action

A **mechanical** engineer is still in demand in many companies.

broom

n. a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces

synonym: sweeper, brush

(1) **broom** closet, (2) **broom** handle

Could you please grab the **broom** and sweep the crumbs on the floor?

plow

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn

over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym : plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

prevalent

adj. existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time

synonym : common, ubiquitous, rampant

(1) **prevalent** in Japan, (2) **prevalent** belief

This virus is **prevalent** in many tropical nations.

adjust

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

synonym : adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror
You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

trash

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

synonym: garbage, waste, refuse

(1) **trash** bin, (2) **trash** disposal site

The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of **trash** in the streets.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

bureau

n. an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information

synonym: agency, department, office

(1) **bureau** of statistics, (2) travel **bureau**

I went to the **bureau** of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

statistics

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

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

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

occupation

n. a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession

synonym: job, profession, vocation

(1) **occupation** disease, (2) **occupation** of a building

The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and **occupation**.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

zoom

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

synonym: move quickly, dive, buzz

(1) **zoom** in on a photo, (2) **zoom** lens

He **zoomed** back in time to the soccer game.

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

hazard

n. something dangerous and likely to cause damage

synonym: peril, danger, threat

(1) occupational **hazard**, (2) potential health **hazards**

Lost mobile phones lead to another potential **hazard** regarding privacy.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure
The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

curb

v. to restrain, limit, or control something; to reduce or put a stop to something undesirable; (noun) the raised edge or barrier along the edge of a street, road, or sidewalk
synonym: restrain, limit, control

(1) **curb** appetite, (2) **curb** anxiety

He tried to **curb** his anger during the argument with his friend.

respiration

n. the process of inhaling and exhaling air to exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide with the environment; the total of the physiological processes by which living organisms metabolize oxygen and release carbon dioxide

synonym: breathing, ventilation

(1) **respiration** rate, (2) artificial **respiration**

The doctor carefully monitored the patient's **respiration** during the surgery.

circulation

n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold

synonym: flow, movement, dissemination

(1) lymphatic **circulation**, (2) **circulation** of money

The **circulation** of the magazine has been steadily declining.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars
The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym: noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

scorn

n. a feeling of contempt or disdain for someone or something seen as unworthy or inferior; an expression of contempt or ridicule

synonym: contempt, disdain, disrespect

(1) treat with **scorn**, (2) expression of **scorn**

The politician responded to the heckler with a look of **scorn**.

ironic

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

synonym: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

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

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

efficiently

adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

synonym: expeditiously, skillfully, ably

(1) **efficiently** combined, (2) develop software more **efficiently**

We can resolve support requests quickly and **efficiently** by

utilization of AI.

spill

v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

synonym: slop, drop, scatter

(1) **spill** a bit of wine, (2) **spill** my heart

He was determined to **spill** everything.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

sputter

v. to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven manner

synonym : cough, spit, splutter

(1) **sputter** into silence, (2) **sputter** due to lack of fuel

The car's engine began to **sputter** as it ran out of gas.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym : usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym : agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym: proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym: commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of

capitalism

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

quotidian

adj. occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane

synonym: everyday, mundane, routine

(1) **quotidian** chores, (2) **quotidian** life

The artist was famous for capturing the beauty of **quotidian** scenes in her paintings.

velocity

n. the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)

synonym: speed, rapidity, swiftness

(1) initial **velocity**, (2) high **velocity**

The **velocity** of the car was too fast for the road conditions.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

workforce

n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

synonym : labor pool, manpower

(1) skilled **workforce**, (2) the **workforce** is on strike

Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their **workforce** flexible.

conversation

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

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym : art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym : continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

liturgy

n. a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church

synonym : rite, service, ceremony

(1) divine **liturgy**, (2) **liturgy** of a church

The **liturgy** for the Mass included hymns, prayers, and readings from the Bible.

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

synonym : measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

reassurance

n. the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence

synonym : encouragement, comfort, support

(1) give **reassurance**, (2) **reassurance** of my commitment

He needed **reassurance** that everything would be alright.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

dross

n. waste or impurities that are separated from metal during the smelting or refining process; something that is considered to be worthless or of poor quality, often used metaphorically

synonym : scum, waste, impurities

(1) discard the **dross**, (2) political **dross**

The company needed to eliminate the **dross** in its production process to improve product quality.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym : throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

growl

v. to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

synonym : snarl, rumble, grumble

(1) **growl** menacingly, (2) **growl** a command

The dog began to **growl** at the stranger approaching the house.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym : baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

downstairs

adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building

synonym : below

(1) creep **downstairs**, (2) escort him **downstairs**

Please get the desk **downstairs**.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because

they contain a lot of valuable metals.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym : respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **nodded** quietly in response to the question.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

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

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

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym : create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym : manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

municipal

adj. of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town

synonym : civic, city, urban

(1) **municipal** bond, (2) the **municipal** authorities

The **municipal** government is responsible for maintaining the roads and public transportation in the city.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym : flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a

particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym: accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

Session 2: Spelling

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14. res_____on rate *n.* the process of inhaling and exhaling air to exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide with the environment; the total of the physiological processes by which living organisms metabolize oxygen and release carbon dioxide
15. in a rh_____ic pace *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
16. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
17. skilled wo_____ce *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

ANSWERS: 10. municipal, 11. campsite, 12. upset, 13. lean, 14. respiration, 15. rhythmic, 16. traffic, 17. workforce

18. eff_____ly combined *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
19. pr_____nt in Japan *adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time
20. z__m lens *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
21. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
22. rec_____ity rate *n.* the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm
23. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
24. br__m handle *n.* a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces
25. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
26. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 18. efficiently, 19. prevalent, 20. zoom, 21. privilege, 22. recyclability, 23. acknowledge, 24. broom, 25. recycle, 26. nation

27. st___a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
28. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
29. a rh_____ic stroking *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
30. br__m closet *n.* a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces
31. si_____fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
32. an al_____um alloy *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts
33. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
34. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
35. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 27. stigma, 28. broad, 29. rhythmic, 30. broom, 31. simplify, 32. aluminum, 33. recycle, 34. rot, 35. acknowledge

36. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
37. carry a bu___n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
38. li_____y of a church *n.* a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church
39. low rec_____ity problem *n.* the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm
40. gr__l menacingly *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
41. binational ac___d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
42. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
43. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
44. co_____re options *v.* to set up or arrange something in a particular way or for a specific purpose
45. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 36. conversation, 37. burden, 38. liturgy, 39. recyclability, 40. growl, 41. accord, 42. broad, 43. advocate, 44. configure, 45. traffic

46. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
47. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
48. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
49. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
50. sp_____e from receiving light *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
51. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
52. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
53. high ve_____ty *n.* the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)
54. a mec_____al style of writing *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
55. creep dow_____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
56. pr_____nt belief *adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time
57. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 46. relentless, 47. manufacture, 48. nod, 49. inherent, 50. sparkle, 51. statistics, 52. maintain, 53. velocity, 54. mechanical, 55. downstairs, 56. prevalent, 57. lift

58. ho___r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
59. discard the dr___s *n.* waste or impurities that are separated from metal during the smelting or refining process; something that is considered to be worthless or of poor quality, often used metaphorically
60. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
61. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
62. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
63. ho___r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
64. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
65. a steam en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
66. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
67. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

ANSWERS: 58. horror, 59. dross, 60. astonished, 61. individual, 62. garbage, 63. horror, 64. disease, 65. engine, 66. grab, 67. upset

68. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
69. rea_____ce of my commitment *n.* the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
70. g__w a pale orange *v.* to give out a steady, strong light
71. bu___n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
72. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
73. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
74. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
75. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
76. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
77. ou_____er perspective *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
78. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 68. compromise, 69. reassurance, 70. glow, 71. burden, 72. manufacture, 73. craft, 74. motor, 75. nod, 76. threaten, 77. outsider, 78. labor

79. c__t a charming eye
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
80. ast_____ed at the success
adj. extremely surprised and upset
81. public education ad_____tes
n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
82. st__n the carpet
v. to discolor, defile, or tarnish something;
(noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove
83. a cell phone with an internet
fa_____ty
n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
84. pl___t like the Earth
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
85. qu_____an chores
adj. occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane
86. occ_____on disease
n. a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
87. liquid cr_____l
n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

ANSWERS: 79. cast, 80. astonished, 81. advocate, 82. stain, 83. facility, 84. planet, 85. quotidian, 86. occupation, 87. crystal

88. give rea_____ce *n.* the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
89. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
90. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
91. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
92. tr__h bin *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
93. gr__l a command *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
94. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
95. ou_____er artist *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
96. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
97. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
98. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 88. reassurance, 89. consumption, 90. craft, 91. remarkable, 92. trash, 93. growl, 94. contemporary, 95. outsider, 96. relation, 97. amazing, 98. disease

99. fa____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
100. treat with sc__n *n.* a feeling of contempt or disdain for someone or something seen as unworthy or inferior; an expression of contempt or ridicule
101. initial ve____ty *n.* the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)
102. qu_____an life *adj.* occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane
103. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
104. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
105. social st___a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
106. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
107. in_____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
108. aluminum f__l *n.* a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions

ANSWERS: 99. facility, 100. scorn, 101. velocity, 102. quotidian, 103. threaten, 104.

capitalism, 105. stigma, 106. ironic, 107. inherent, 108. foil

109. at a un_____m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
110. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
111. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
112. an air-cooled en____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
113. the wo_____ce is on strike *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
114. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
115. p__w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
116. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
117. political dr__s *n.* waste or impurities that are separated from metal during the smelting or refining process; something that is considered to be worthless or of poor quality, often used metaphorically

ANSWERS: 109. uniform, 110. relentless, 111. individual, 112. engine, 113. workforce, 114. discovery, 115. plow, 116. planet, 117. dross

118. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
119. sp__l a bit of wine *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
120. cir_____on of money *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
121. our school un____m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
122. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
123. ca____te location *n.* a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits
124. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
125. expression of sc__n *n.* a feeling of contempt or disdain for someone or something seen as unworthy or inferior; an expression of contempt or ridicule
126. cr____l analyses *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

ANSWERS: 118. amazing, 119. spill, 120. circulation, 121. uniform, 122. lean, 123. campsite, 124. sustainable, 125. scorn, 126. crystal

127. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
128. poor san_____on *n.* the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner
129. potential health ha____ds *n.* something dangerous and likely to cause damage
130. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
131. ir____c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
132. c__b anxiety *v.* to restrain, limit, or control something; to reduce or put a stop to something undesirable; (noun) the raised edge or barrier along the edge of a street, road, or sidewalk
133. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
134. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 127. pretension, 128. sanitation, 129. hazard, 130. invisible, 131. ironic, 132. curb, 133. economy, 134. conversation

135. sp_____e like a gem *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
136. san_____on standards *n.* the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner
137. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
138. bu___u of statistics *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
139. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
140. develop software more eff_____ly *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
141. sp_____r into silence *v.* to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven manner
142. the influence of mec_____al action *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
143. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 135. sparkle, 136. sanitation, 137. cast, 138. bureau, 139. dump, 140. efficiently, 141. sputter, 142. mechanical, 143. privilege

144. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
145. bl__f the other side *v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
146. tr__h disposal site *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
147. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
148. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
149. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
150. sp_____r due to lack of fuel *v.* to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven manner
151. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
152. sp__l my heart *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
153. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
154. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 144. capitalism, 145. bluff, 146. trash, 147. invisible, 148. confuse, 149. din, 150. sputter, 151. consumption, 152. spill, 153. sustainable, 154. accord

163. divine li____y *n.* a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church
164. occ_____on of a building *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
165. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
166. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
167. g__w gold in the light *v.* to give out a steady, strong light
168. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
169. artificial res_____on *n.* the process of inhaling and exhaling air to exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide with the environment; the total of the physiological processes by which living organisms metabolize oxygen and release carbon dioxide
170. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
171. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 163. liturgy, 164. occupation, 165. lift, 166. labor, 167. glow, 168. din, 169. respiration, 170. horizon, 171. grab

172. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
173. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
174. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
175. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
176. lymphatic cir_____on *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
177. f__l a terror plot *n.* a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions
178. travel bu___u *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
179. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
180. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

ANSWERS: 172. stream, 173. industrial, 174. statistics, 175. rot, 176. circulation, 177. foil, 178. bureau, 179. contemporary, 180. motor

181. ad___t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
182. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
183. in___t daughter *n.* a baby or very young child
184. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
185. ga_____e collection *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
186. red wine st__n *v.* to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove
187. 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
188. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
189. in___t food *n.* a baby or very young child
190. escort him dow_____rs *adv.* on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
191. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 181. adjust, 182. remarkable, 183. infant, 184. compromise, 185. garbage, 186. stain, 187. pretension, 188. horizon, 189. infant, 190. downstairs, 191. nation

192. the mu_____al authorities

adj. of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town

ANSWERS: 192. municipal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

2. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

3. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

4. He never _____ his fault.
v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

5. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

6. He needed _____ that everything would be alright.
n. the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence

7. He was awfully _____ by the news.
adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

ANSWERS: 1. discovery, 2. lifted, 3. Industrial, 4. acknowledged, 5. streams, 6. reassurance, 7. upset

8. The _____ for the Mass included hymns, prayers, and readings from the Bible.
- n.* a form of public worship or religious service, especially in the Christian Church
9. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
- v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
10. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
11. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
12. He was determined to _____ everything.
- v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
13. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
- adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
14. The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and _____.
- n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
15. The car's engine began to _____ as it ran out of gas.
- v.* to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven manner

ANSWERS: 8. liturgy, 9. nodded, 10. individual, 11. accord, 12. spill, 13. sustainable, 14. occupation, 15. sputter

16. The politician responded to the heckler with a look of _____.
- n.* a feeling of contempt or disdain for someone or something seen as unworthy or inferior; an expression of contempt or ridicule
17. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
18. That car has a low environmental _____.
- n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
19. Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their _____ flexible.
- n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
20. Her remarks _____ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
21. The _____ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.
- adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
22. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
23. The diamond _____ in the sunlight.
- v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
24. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.
- n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

ANSWERS: 16. scorn, 17. relations, 18. burden, 19. workforce, 20. confused, 21. rhythmic, 22. disease, 23. sparkled, 24. consumption

25. The dog began to _____ at the stranger approaching the house.
- v. to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
26. He _____ a person out of going.
- v. to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
27. Please _____ your explanation for the children.
- v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
28. Some of the parts of this car are made of _____ to reduce weight.
- n. a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts
29. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
- n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
30. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the _____.
- n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
31. The _____ of the magazine has been steadily declining.
- n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold

ANSWERS: 25. growl, 26. bluffed, 27. simplify, 28. aluminum, 29. Capitalism, 30. plow, 31. circulation

32. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
33. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
34. 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
35. Please get the desk _____.
adv. on or to a lower or ground floor of a building
36. The sun was setting, and the sky _____ with beautiful colors.
v. to give out a steady, strong light
37. The allegations of corruption _____ her reputation, and she struggled to regain public trust.
v. to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove
38. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
39. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 32. craft, 33. remarkable, 34. pretensions, 35. downstairs, 36. glowed, 37. stained, 38. rot, 39. nation

40. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

41. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

42. He tried to _____ his anger during the argument with his friend.

v. to restrain, limit, or control something; to reduce or put a stop to something undesirable; (noun) the raised edge or barrier along the edge of a street, road, or sidewalk

43. The _____ government is responsible for maintaining the roads and public transportation in the city.

adj. of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town

44. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

45. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

46. A vast _____ chandelier glittered brightly above us.

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

ANSWERS: 40. inherent, 41. grab, 42. curb, 43. municipal, 44. recycle, 45. threatening, 46. crystal

47. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
- n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
48. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.
- n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
49. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.
- n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
50. This country has a nationally _____ culture.
- adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
51. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
- adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
52. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
- adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
53. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.
- n.* a baby or very young child
54. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.
- n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

ANSWERS: 47. Advocates, 48. garbage, 49. facility, 50. uniform, 51. ironic, 52. invisible, 53. infant, 54. motors

55. The company needed to eliminate the _____ in its production process to improve product quality.
- n.* waste or impurities that are separated from metal during the smelting or refining process; something that is considered to be worthless or of poor quality, often used metaphorically
56. The _____ of electronic devices is a significant challenge due to the complexity of their components.
- n.* the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm
57. The doctor carefully monitored the patient's _____ during the surgery.
- n.* the process of inhaling and exhaling air to exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide with the environment; the total of the physiological processes by which living organisms metabolize oxygen and release carbon dioxide
58. _____ workers play a critical role in keeping our cities clean and healthy.
- n.* the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner
59. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
60. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.
- n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
61. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
- adj.* very wide; general

ANSWERS: 55. dross, 56. recyclability, 57. respiration, 58. Sanitation, 59. planet, 60. horror, 61. broad

62. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
63. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
64. The artist was famous for capturing the beauty of _____ scenes in her paintings.
adj. occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane
65. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.
adj. extremely surprised and upset
66. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
67. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
68. The _____ of the city was overwhelming.
n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
69. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

ANSWERS: 62. stigma, 63. cast, 64. quotidian, 65. astonished, 66. manufactured, 67. conversation, 68. din, 69. Lean

70. He _____ back in time to the soccer game.

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

71. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

72. This virus is _____ in many tropical nations.

adj. existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time

73. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

74. Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an _____ at times.

n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

75. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

adj. belonging to the same or present time

76. The _____ of the car was too fast for the road conditions.

n. the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)

77. Could you please grab the _____ and sweep the crumbs on the floor?

n. a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces

ANSWERS: 70. zoomed, 71. traffic, 72. prevalent, 73. economy, 74. outsider, 75. Contemporary, 76. velocity, 77. broom

78. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
79. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
80. We can resolve support requests quickly and _____ by utilization of AI.
adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
81. The firewood at the _____ was wet and made it hard to start a fire.
n. a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits
82. I need to _____ my computer's settings to connect to the internet.
v. to set up or arrange something in a particular way or for a specific purpose
83. I went to the _____ of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.
n. an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
84. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
85. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.
v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

ANSWERS: 78. compromised, 79. statistics, 80. efficiently, 81. campsite, 82. configure, 83. bureau, 84. privilege, 85. adjust

86. The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of _____ in the streets.
n. discarded material, refuse, or waste
87. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
88. The baker covered the cake with _____ to prevent it from burning in the oven.
n. a thin and flexible sheet of metal, such as aluminum, used for wrapping or covering items; a literary device in which a character's actions or words are used to contrast or highlight the actions or words of another character; (verb) to prevent someone from succeeding in their plans or actions
89. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
90. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
91. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.
adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
92. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
93. Lost mobile phones lead to another potential _____ regarding privacy.
n. something dangerous and likely to cause damage

ANSWERS: 86. trash, 87. engine, 88. foil, 89. horizon, 90. maintain, 91. relentless, 92. amazing, 93. hazard

94. The company _____ him after several years of service.

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

95. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

96. A _____ engineer is still in demand in many companies.

adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

ANSWERS: 94. dumped, 95. labor, 96. mechanical