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Session 1: Word List

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym : reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

pediatrics

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym : pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

endocrinology

n. the study of hormones, their regulation, and their effects on the body; includes the study of endocrine glands such as the pituitary gland, thyroid gland, and adrenal gland

synonym : hormone science, hormonal disorder treatment

(1) **endocrinology** lab, (2) pediatric **endocrinology**

The **endocrinology** clinic analyzed my hormone levels to determine the cause of my irregular periods.

mismatch

v. to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else

synonym : mismatch, discord, clash

(1) **mismatch** expectations, (2) **mismatch** socks

The colors of the shirt and pants totally **mismatch**, making the outfit look ridiculous.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

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.

normative

adj. setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior

synonym : standard, conventional, usual

(1) **normative** behavior, (2) **normative** standards

The **normative** approach to morality focuses on what is considered socially acceptable behavior.

puberty

n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

synonym : adolescence, young adulthood

(1) at the height of **puberty** ., (2) the onset of **puberty**

In this culture, men are initiated when they reach **puberty**.

- bud** *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
synonym : shoot, sprout, germ
(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting
The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.
- gonad** *n.* a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females
synonym : testes, ovary, reproductive gland
(1) **gonad** development, (2) reproductive **gonad**
Certain chemicals can disrupt the proper functioning of **gonads**, leading to reproductive problems.
- transgender** *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
synonym : non-binary
(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights
Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
- noxious** *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
synonym : harmful, toxic, poisonous
(1) **noxious** gas, (2) **noxious** substances
The **noxious** fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.
- doe** *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare
(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**
Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym : glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

asexual

adj. lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations

synonym : neutral, sexless, unisex

(1) **asexual** community, (2) **asexual** individual

Asexual reproduction is a common trait found in certain species of plants and animals.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

untreated

adj. not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment

synonym : raw, unprocessed, coarse

(1) an **untreated** disease, (2) dispose of **untreated** formalin solution

Heat stroke is the result of **untreated** heat exhaustion.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan

with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

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.

psychometrics

n. the field of study concerned with the theory and technique of psychological measurement, which includes the measurement of knowledge, abilities, attitudes, and personality traits

synonym: measurement psychology, psychological assessment

(1) **psychometrics** research, (2) clinical **psychometrics**

Several universities offer specialized courses in educational **psychometrics** to train educators in assessment techniques.

donkey

n. a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person

synonym: horse, burro, mule

(1) male **donkey**, (2) **donkey** ride

The little boy rode the **donkey** at the county fair.

nullify

v. to make something legally invalid or without effect; to cancel out, negate, or render something null (= the absence or lack of value, validity, or significance) and void

synonym: invalidate, cancel, annul

(1) **nullify** a vote, (2) **nullify** a law

The court can **nullify** a contract if it is found to be illegal.

stunt

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something

that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

synonym: feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

reversible

adj. capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone

synonym: invertible, changeable, undoable

(1) **reversible** decision, (2) **reversible** fabrics

The jacket is **reversible** so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.

spout

n. a tube or chute through which something, particularly a liquid, can be poured or discharged in a continuous stream; a projecting tube or pipe that transfers fluids from one container to another; (verb) to send out a stream of liquid or gas, typically in a forceful way

synonym: spigot, nozzle, faucet

(1) **spout** out an opinion, (2) fountain **spout**

The water **spout** in the garden provides a refreshing mist on hot days.

electrolysis

n. a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution

(1) **electrolysis** apparatus, (2) copper **electrolysis** process

The **electrolysis** of water produces oxygen and hydrogen.

gynecology

n. (also "gyno") the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system

synonym: obstetrics, women's health, women's medicine

(1) **gynecology** clinic, (2) **gynecology** exam

The **gynecology** department at the hospital offers

state-of-the-art treatments for women's health issues.

endocrine

adj. relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes

synonym : hormonal, glandular, secretory

(1) **endocrine** disorders, (2) **endocrine** cell

The **endocrine** system regulates many bodily functions, including metabolism and growth.

homeschooling

n. the practice of educating children at home rather than sending them to a school outside the home, typically done by parents or guardians

synonym : home education, homeschool instruction, unschooling

(1) **homeschooling** curriculum, (2) **homeschooling** resources

Due to the pandemic, many parents have turned to **homeschooling** to ensure their child's education.

consign

v. to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use

synonym : transfer, deliver, entrust

(1) **consign** to oblivion, (2) **consign** the rare coins to an auction house

I will **consign** these old clothes to the donation bin.

skeletal

adj. of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated

synonym : bony, emaciated, gaunt

(1) **skeletal** system, (2) **skeletal** muscles

The older man was skinny and **skeletal** and not in good health.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable;

to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym : ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

epiphysis

n. the rounded end of a long bone, initially growing separately from the main bone and later fusing with it

synonym : growth plate, bone end

(1) **epiphysis** fusion, (2) proximal **epiphysis**

The X-ray showed a fracture in the distal **epiphysis** of the radius.

quip

n. a witty remark, often sarcastic or humorous that is intended to be clever and entertaining rather than serious or critical

synonym : joke, wisecrack, pun

(1) **quip** about politics, (2) sarcastic **quip**

Her witty **quip** caught everyone off guard and caused the room to laugh.

rearrange

v. to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

synonym : readjust, reorganize, reconstruct

(1) **rearrange** the furniture, (2) **rearrange** his schedule

Please **rearrange** these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

spokesperson

n. a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

synonym : representative, interpreter, mouthpiece

(1) company **spokesperson**, (2) official **spokesperson**

The celebrity **spokesperson** made an appearance at the

product launch event.

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym : bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

blockade

n. a barrier or obstacle designed to prevent the movement or flow of people, goods, or resources; a military tactic that aims to isolate a specific area or territory by preventing it from receiving supplies or reinforcements

synonym : embargo, siege, encirclement

(1) embargo **blockade**, (2) military **blockade**

The country implemented a **blockade** during the war to prevent goods and supplies from entering or leaving.

mustache

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

synonym : whisker

(1) a gray **mustache**, (2) big **mustache**

The actor's **mustache** has become an icon.

spurt

v. to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy

synonym : gush, surge, spew

(1) unexpectedly **spurt**, (2) **spurt** across the table

The water hose suddenly **spurted** out a strong jet of water.

overturn

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

synonym : flip over, upset, topple

(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table

The court **overturned** the original verdict.

legislator

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

synonym: lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent

legislator

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

Session 2: Spelling

1. company spo_____son
n. a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
2. de_____e us to meet again
v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
3. tra_____er rights
adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
4. te__e the children
v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
5. ep_____is fusion
n. the rounded end of a long bone, initially growing separately from the main bone and later fusing with it
6. st__t brain growth
n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

ANSWERS: 1. spokesperson, 2. destine, 3. transgender, 4. tease, 5. epiphysis, 6. stunt

7. ped_____cs clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
8. dispose of un_____ed formalin solution *adj.* not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment
9. gyn_____gy clinic *n.* (also "gyno") the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system
10. end_____ogy lab *n.* the study of hormones, their regulation, and their effects on the body; includes the study of endocrine glands such as the pituitary gland, thyroid gland, and adrenal gland
11. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
12. en_____ne disorders *adj.* relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes
13. ge_____l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
14. sp__t out an opinion *n.* a tube or chute through which something, particularly a liquid, can be poured or discharged in a continuous stream; a projecting tube or pipe that transfers fluids from one container to another; (verb) to send out a stream of liquid or gas, typically in a forceful way
15. fountain sp__t *n.* a tube or chute through which something, particularly a liquid, can be poured or discharged in a continuous stream; a projecting tube or pipe that transfers fluids from one container to another; (verb) to send out a stream of liquid or gas, typically in a forceful way

ANSWERS: 7. pediatrics, 8. untreated, 9. gynecology, 10. endocrinology, 11.

confuse, 12. endocrine, 13. genital, 14. spout, 15. spout

16. reproductive go__d *n.* a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females
17. ov_____rn a decision *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
18. tra_____er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
19. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
20. q__p about politics *n.* a witty remark, often sarcastic or humorous that is intended to be clever and entertaining rather than serious or critical
21. sarcastic q__p *n.* a witty remark, often sarcastic or humorous that is intended to be clever and entertaining rather than serious or critical
22. nu_____y a law *v.* to make something legally invalid or without effect; to cancel out, negate, or render something null (= the absence or lack of value, validity, or significance) and void
23. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
24. copper ele_____sis process *n.* a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution

ANSWERS: 16. gonad, 17. overturn, 18. transgender, 19. sibling, 20. quip, 21. quip, 22. nullify, 23. doe, 24. electrolysis

25. military bl____de *n.* a barrier or obstacle designed to prevent the movement or flow of people, goods, or resources; a military tactic that aims to isolate a specific area or territory by preventing it from receiving supplies or reinforcements
26. fo____d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
27. incumbent leg____or *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
28. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
29. in____n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
30. a leg____or appointed by the party *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
31. sneak p__k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
32. as____l community *adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations

ANSWERS: 25. blockade, 26. forbid, 27. legislator, 28. doe, 29. intern, 30. legislator, 31. peek, 32. asexual

33. ov____rn a table *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
34. pediatric end_____ogy *n.* the study of hormones, their regulation, and their effects on the body; includes the study of endocrine glands such as the pituitary gland, thyroid gland, and adrenal gland
35. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
36. ped_____cs department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
37. do___y ride *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
38. no_____ve behavior *adj.* setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior
39. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
40. hom_____ing resources *n.* the practice of educating children at home rather than sending them to a school outside the home, typically done by parents or guardians
41. as_____l individual *adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations

ANSWERS: 33. overturn, 34. endocrinology, 35. tease, 36. pediatrics, 37. donkey, 38. normative, 39. confuse, 40. homeschooling, 41. asexual

42. b_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
43. skydiving st__t *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
44. rev_____le fabrics *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
45. a gray mu_____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
46. sp__t across the table *v.* to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy
47. be de_____ed to become a great artist *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
48. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 42. bud, 43. stunt, 44. reversible, 45. mustache, 46. spurt, 47. destine, 48. intern

49. pain in the ge____l area *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
50. in____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
51. psy____ics research *n.* the field of study concerned with the theory and technique of psychological measurement, which includes the measurement of knowledge, abilities, attitudes, and personality traits
52. embargo bl____de *n.* a barrier or obstacle designed to prevent the movement or flow of people, goods, or resources; a military tactic that aims to isolate a specific area or territory by preventing it from receiving supplies or reinforcements
53. hom____ing curriculum *n.* the practice of educating children at home rather than sending them to a school outside the home, typically done by parents or guardians
54. male do____y *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
55. co____n the rare coins to an auction house *v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 49. genital, 50. intrigue, 51. psychometrics, 52. blockade, 53. homeschooling, 54. donkey, 55. consign

56. sk____al system *adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
57. p__k at others' misfortune *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
58. pinch off a b_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
59. unexpectedly sp__t *v.* to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy
60. official spo____son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
61. big mu____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
62. fo____d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
63. nu____y a vote *v.* to make something legally invalid or without effect; to cancel out, negate, or render something null (= the absence or lack of value, validity, or significance) and void
64. go__d development *n.* a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females
65. co____n to oblivion *v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 56. skeletal, 57. peek, 58. bud, 59. spurt, 60. spokesperson, 61. mustache, 62. forbid, 63. nullify, 64. gonad, 65. consign

66. no_____ve standards *adj.* setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior
67. no_____s substances *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
68. mi_____ch socks *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
69. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
70. proximal ep_____is *n.* the rounded end of a long bone, initially growing separately from the main bone and later fusing with it
71. clinical psy_____ics *n.* the field of study concerned with the theory and technique of psychological measurement, which includes the measurement of knowledge, abilities, attitudes, and personality traits
72. mi_____ch expectations *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
73. at the height of pu_____y. *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

ANSWERS: 66. normative, 67. noxious, 68. mismatch, 69. sibling, 70. epiphysis, 71. psychometrics, 72. mismatch, 73. puberty

74. re_____ge his schedule *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
75. gyn_____gy exam *n.* (also "gyno") the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system
76. en_____ne cell *adj.* relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes
77. sk_____al muscles *adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
78. re_____ge the furniture *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
79. rev_____le decision *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
80. ele_____sis apparatus *n.* a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution
81. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
82. co_____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 74. rearrange, 75. gynecology, 76. endocrine, 77. skeletal, 78. rearrange, 79. reversible, 80. electrolysis, 81. intrigue, 82. confer

83. co___r degree

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

84. an un_____ed disease

adj. not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment

85. no_____s gas

adj. harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

86. the onset of pu_____y

n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

ANSWERS: 83. confer, 84. untreated, 85. noxious, 86. puberty

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
2. Several universities offer specialized courses in educational _____ to train educators in assessment techniques.
n. the field of study concerned with the theory and technique of psychological measurement, which includes the measurement of knowledge, abilities, attitudes, and personality traits
3. Due to the pandemic, many parents have turned to _____ to ensure their child's education.
n. the practice of educating children at home rather than sending them to a school outside the home, typically done by parents or guardians
4. The water hose suddenly _____ out a strong jet of water.
v. to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy
5. Heat stroke is the result of _____ heat exhaustion.
adj. not given medical care or treatment; not subjected to chemical or physical treatment
6. The country implemented a _____ during the war to prevent goods and supplies from entering or leaving.
n. a barrier or obstacle designed to prevent the movement or flow of people, goods, or resources; a military tactic that aims to isolate a specific area or territory by preventing it from receiving supplies or reinforcements

ANSWERS: 1. siblings, 2. psychometrics, 3. homeschooling, 4. spurted, 5. untreated, 6. blockade

7. The X-ray showed a fracture in the distal _____ of the radius.
- n.* the rounded end of a long bone, initially growing separately from the main bone and later fusing with it
8. The _____ department at the hospital offers state-of-the-art treatments for women's health issues.
- n.* (also "gyno") the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system
9. She took a quick _____ inside the box before closing it again.
- n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
10. God _____ you should regret your marriage.
- v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
11. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
- adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
12. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
13. The _____ approach to morality focuses on what is considered socially acceptable behavior.
- adj.* setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior

ANSWERS: 7. epiphysis, 8. gynecology, 9. peek, 10. forbid, 11. transgender, 12. interned, 13. normative

14. The flower was starting to show its ____ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

15. I am studying _____ in medical school because I love working with children.

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

16. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

17. The jacket is _____ so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.

adj. capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone

18. Corporate executives and _____ are still overwhelmingly men.

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

19. Her witty ____ caught everyone off guard and caused the room to laugh.

n. a witty remark, often sarcastic or humorous that is intended to be clever and entertaining rather than serious or critical

20. 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

21. The colors of the shirt and pants totally _____ making the outfit look ridiculous.

v. to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else

ANSWERS: 14. bud, 15. pediatrics, 16. confused, 17. reversible, 18. legislators, 19. quip, 20. confer, 21. mismatch,

22. The _____ clinic analyzed my hormone levels to determine the cause of my irregular periods.
- n.* the study of hormones, their regulation, and their effects on the body; includes the study of endocrine glands such as the pituitary gland, thyroid gland, and adrenal gland
23. The celebrity _____ made an appearance at the product launch event.
- n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
24. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
25. The court _____ the original verdict.
- v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
26. This ad is intended to _____ a competing product.
- v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
27. The _____ system regulates many bodily functions, including metabolism and growth.
- adj.* relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes
28. The water _____ in the garden provides a refreshing mist on hot days.
- n.* a tube or chute through which something, particularly a liquid, can be poured or discharged in a continuous stream; a projecting tube or pipe that transfers fluids from one container to another; (verb) to send out a stream of liquid or gas, typically in a forceful way

ANSWERS: 22. endocrinology, 23. spokesperson, 24. doe, 25. overturned, 26. tease, 27. endocrine, 28. spout

29. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.
- v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
30. In this culture, men are initiated when they reach _____.
- n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
31. The _____ of water produces oxygen and hydrogen.
- n.* a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution
32. The court can _____ a contract if it is found to be illegal.
- v.* to make something legally invalid or without effect; to cancel out, negate, or render something null (= the absence or lack of value, validity, or significance) and void
33. The little boy rode the _____ at the county fair.
- n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
34. Please _____ these files as we start a new project tomorrow.
- v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
35. The daredevil attempted a dangerous _____ by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.
- n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

ANSWERS: 29. destined, 30. puberty, 31. electrolysis, 32. nullify, 33. donkey, 34. rearrange, 35. stunt

36. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.

- v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

37. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

- adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

38. I will _____ these old clothes to the donation bin.

- v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use

39. The _____ fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.

- adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

40. The older man was skinny and _____ and not in good health.

- adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated

41. Certain chemicals can disrupt the proper functioning of _____ leading to reproductive problems.

- n.* a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females

42. _____ reproduction is a common trait found in certain species of plants and animals.

- adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations

ANSWERS: 36. intrigues, 37. genital, 38. consign, 39. noxious, 40. skeletal, 41. gonads, 42. Asexual

43. The actor's _____ has become an icon.

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

ANSWERS: 43. mustache