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Session 1: Word List

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym: fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym: spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

miscalculation

n. a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

synonym: error, mistake, oversight

(1) **miscalculation** of expenses, (2) **miscalculation** of time
His **miscalculation** in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

agnostic

n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

synonym: skeptic, doubter, unbeliever

(1) **agnostic** world-view, (2) **agnostic** position

Her scientific background led her to be **agnostic** about the existence of a higher power.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

immortality

n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
synonym: endless life, timelessness, agelessness

(1) the **immortality** of the soul, (2) achieve **immortality**
Many people believe in the concept of **immortality** and an afterlife.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

retell

v. to tell someone about something again or differently

synonym: reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale

He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

implausible

adj. difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable

synonym: incredulous, far-fetched, unbelievable

(1) **implausible** theory, (2) **implausible** excuse

The detective found the suspect's story **implausible** and decided to investigate further.

elixir

n. a medicinal or restorative substance believed to possess healing properties; a drink or potion believed to promote good health, vitality, or longevity

synonym: potion, concoction, panacea

(1) **elixir** of eternal life, (2) magical **elixir**

The chef added a secret **elixir** to the dish to enhance the flavor.

alchemy

n. a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

synonym: sorcery, magic, transmutation

(1) **alchemy** experiment, (2) **alchemy** of emotions

Today, the study of **alchemy** remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy

nanoscale

adj. on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale

(1) **nanoscale** device, (2) things at the **nanoscale**

This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the **nanoscale** lattice structure of the metal.

resurrect

v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again

synonym: revive, bring back, bring to life

(1) **resurrect** the dead, (2) **resurrect** an argument

They tried to **resurrect** the ancient tradition.

orthodox

adj. following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

synonym : traditional, conventional, established

(1) an **orthodox** doctrine, (2) **orthodox** thought
He challenged the **orthodox** views on business.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

cryonics

n. the practice of freezing a person's body after death in the hope that future technology will be able to revive them and restore them to life

synonym : cryopreservation, low-temperature storage, cryostasis

(1) **cryonics** research, (2) **cryonics** storage

Several organizations offer **cryonics** services for those wishing to preserve their bodies after death.

thaw

v. to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly

synonym : melt, defrost, unfreeze

(1) **thaw** out a glacier, (2) **thaw** relations between countries

The sun was beginning to **thaw** the frozen ground.

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym: revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- omnipotent** *adj.* having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything
synonym: all-powerful, supreme, almighty
(1) **omnipotent** ruler, (2) feeling **omnipotent**
The company's CEO was seen as **omnipotent**, making all major decisions without consulting anyone.
- unreliable** *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
synonym: inconsistent, erratic, undependable
(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information
By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.
- ethereal** *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
synonym: airy, delicate, celestial
(1) **ethereal** beauty, (2) **ethereal** light
The **ethereal** music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.
- skeptic** *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
synonym: doubter, disbeliever, questioner
(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**
He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym : eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

countryman

n. (considered non-inclusive) a person who lives in the country or a rural area; a compatriot or fellow citizen

synonym : rural, peasant, farmer

(1) **countryman** lifestyle, (2) traditional **countryman**

The local **countryman** is known for his hospitality and warmth towards visitors.

recur

v. to happen repeatedly or occur again from time to time; to come back or return to one's mind or awareness

synonym : reappear, repeat, come back

(1) **recur** repeatedly, (2) **recur** after appropriate treatment

I always have nightmares that **recur** occasionally and prevent me from getting a good night's sleep.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym : doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

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.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym: surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in_____us idea | <i>adj.</i> showing inventiveness and ability or skill |
| 2. cast fri_____ng eyes | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 3. ag_____ic world-view | <i>n.</i> a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god |
| 4. re_____nt local dishes | <i>v.</i> to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new |
| 5. low-r_v engine | <i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |
| 6. fri_____ng experience | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 7. apo_____ic event | <i>adj.</i> describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world |
| 8. ter_____ng events | <i>adj.</i> very frightening or intimidating |
| 9. di_____t the facts | <i>v.</i> to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear |
| 10. as_____ut in training | <i>n.</i> a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere |
| 11. t__w relations between countries | <i>v.</i> to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly |

ANSWERS: 1. ingenious, 2. frightening, 3. agnostic, 4. reinvent, 5. rev, 6. frightening, 7. apocalyptic, 8. terrifying, 9. distort, 10. astronaut, 11. thaw

12. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
13. re_____ct an argument *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
14. things at the na_____le *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
15. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
16. imp_____le theory *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
17. mis_____ion of time *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
18. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
19. feeling omn_____nt *adj.* having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything
20. re__r after appropriate treatment *v.* to happen repeatedly or occur again from time to time; to come back or return to one's mind or awareness
21. magical el____r *n.* a medicinal or restorative substance believed to possess healing properties; a drink or potion believed to promote good health, vitality, or longevity
22. imp_____le excuse *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable

ANSWERS: 12. nationalist, 13. resurrect, 14. nanoscale, 15. manifestation, 16. implausible, 17. miscalculation, 18. afterward, 19. omnipotent, 20. recur, 21. elixir, 22. implausible

23. et____al beauty *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
24. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
25. di____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
26. achieve imm_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
27. en_____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
28. el____r of eternal life *n.* a medicinal or restorative substance believed to possess healing properties; a drink or potion believed to promote good health, vitality, or longevity
29. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
30. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
31. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
32. im____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

ANSWERS: 23. ethereal, 24. manifestation, 25. distort, 26. immortality, 27. encompass, 28. elixir, 29. astronaut, 30. neuroscience, 31. nationalist, 32. immortal

33. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
34. unr_____le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
35. et_____al light *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
36. the imm_____ty of the soul *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
37. cr_____cs research *n.* the practice of freezing a person's body after death in the hope that future technology will be able to revive them and restore them to life
38. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
39. prove unr_____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
40. t__w out a glacier *v.* to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly
41. an or_____ox doctrine *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
42. al_____y experiment *n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

ANSWERS: 33. doom, 34. unreliable, 35. ethereal, 36. immortality, 37. cryonics, 38. Jewish, 39. unreliable, 40. thaw, 41. orthodox, 42. alchemy

43. al_____y of emotions *n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious
44. omn_____nt ruler *adj.* having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything
45. en_____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
46. 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
47. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
48. have apo_____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
49. in_____us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
50. cou_____an lifestyle *n.* (considered non-inclusive) a person who lives in the country or a rural area; a compatriot or fellow citizen

ANSWERS: 43. alchemy, 44. omnipotent, 45. encompass, 46. intern, 47. Christ, 48. apocalyptic, 49. ingenious, 50. countryman

51. traditional cou_____an *n.* (considered non-inclusive) a person who lives in the country or a rural area; a compatriot or fellow citizen
52. 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
53. ag_____ic position *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
54. im_____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
55. na_____le device *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
56. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
57. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
58. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
59. or_____ox thought *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

ANSWERS: 51. countryman, 52. intern, 53. agnostic, 54. immortal, 55. nanoscale, 56. Christ, 57. reinvent, 58. skeptical, 59. orthodox

60. re___l a story *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
61. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
62. re_____ct the dead *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
63. re__r repeatedly *v.* to happen repeatedly or occur again from time to time; to come back or return to one's mind or awareness
64. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
65. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
66. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
67. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
68. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
69. an ingrained sk_____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
70. cr_____cs storage *n.* the practice of freezing a person's body after death in the hope that future technology will be able to revive them and restore them to life
71. re___l an old tale *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently

ANSWERS: 60. retell, 61. terrifying, 62. resurrect, 63. recur, 64. skeptical, 65. worldview, 66. Jewish, 67. neuroscience, 68. afterward, 69. skeptic, 70. cryonics, 71. retell

72. climate sk____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
73. mis_____ion of expenses *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
74. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
75. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
76. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 72. skeptic, 73. miscalculation, 74. worldview, 75. doom, 76. rev

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

2. By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously _____.
adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

3. Legends often describe mythical creatures as _____ beings.
adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

4. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

5. They tried to _____ the ancient tradition.
v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again

6. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

7. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

8. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
adv. after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 1. skeptic, 2. unreliable, 3. immortal, 4. distort, 5. resurrect, 6. doom, 7. rev, 8. afterward

9. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
- v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
10. The detective found the suspect's story _____ and decided to investigate further.
- adj. difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
11. I always have nightmares that _____ occasionally and prevent me from getting a good night's sleep.
- v. to happen repeatedly or occur again from time to time; to come back or return to one's mind or awareness
12. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.
- v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
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- adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
14. The chef added a secret _____ to the dish to enhance the flavor.
- n. a medicinal or restorative substance believed to possess healing properties; a drink or potion believed to promote good health, vitality, or longevity
15. The company's CEO was seen as _____ making all major decisions without consulting anyone.
- adj. having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything

ANSWERS: 9. reinvent, 10. implausible, 11. recur, 12. encompass, 13. frightening, 14. elixir, 15. omnipotent,

16. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
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20. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
- adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
21. This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the _____ lattice structure of the metal.
- adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
22. Today, the study of _____ remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy
- n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

ANSWERS: 16. interned, 17. astronaut, 18. Christmas, 19. orthodox, 20. apocalyptic, 21. nanoscale, 22. alchemy

23. His _____ in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.
n. a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
24. The local _____ is known for his hospitality and warmth towards visitors.
n. (considered non-inclusive) a person who lives in the country or a rural area; a compatriot or fellow citizen
25. Her scientific background led her to be _____ about the existence of a higher power.
n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
26. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.
n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
27. The _____ music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.
adj. delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
28. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so _____.
adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill
29. The sun was beginning to ____ the frozen ground.
v. to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly
30. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

ANSWERS: 23. miscalculation, 24. countryman, 25. agnostic, 26. neuroscience, 27. ethereal, 28. ingenious, 29. thaw, 30. Jewish

31. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
32. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
33. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
34. Several organizations offer _____ services for those wishing to preserve their bodies after death.
n. the practice of freezing a person's body after death in the hope that future technology will be able to revive them and restore them to life
35. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful
36. Many people believe in the concept of _____ and an afterlife.
n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
37. He _____ the truth to plead not guilty.
v. to tell someone about something again or differently
38. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.
n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

ANSWERS: 31. terrifying, 32. manifestation, 33. nationalist, 34. cryonics, 35. skeptical, 36. immortality, 37. retells, 38. worldviews

ANSWERS: