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Session 1: Word List

swallow

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

synonym : consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym : startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym : down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add

detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

void

n. an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force

synonym: emptiness, vacuity, (adjective) null

(1) **void** of expression, (2) **void** contract

The **void** in her heart was filled with the love of her family.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

mortal

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

synonym: deathly, perishable, non-eternal

(1) a **mortal** combat, (2) this **mortal** life

All humans are **mortal** and will eventually die.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym : curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise
The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

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.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

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.

mum

n. a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so

synonym: mother, silent, soundless

(1) **mum's** cooking, (2) keep **mum**

My **mum** always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

synonym: embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

half-hearted

adj. without enthusiasm or commitment; lacking enthusiasm or energy; not done with conviction or conviction

synonym: lackluster, lukewarm, apathetic

(1) **half-hearted** support, (2) **half-hearted** smile

She made a **half-hearted** attempt to apologize for her mistake.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

elevator

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
synonym : lift, hoist

(1) **elevator** ride, (2) modern **elevator**

The hotel's **elevator** was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

plausible

adj. seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing

synonym : probable, conceivable, credible

(1) **plausible** explanation, (2) a **plausible** liar

She could find no **plausible** explanation for its failure.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

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.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog
I'm **scared** of insects.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd
She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism
She researched gender **bias** in politics.

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.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

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.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

empirical

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

synonym: observational, experiential, factual

(1) **empirical** research, (2) **empirical** philosophy

The study's results were based on **empirical** evidence gathered from extensive research.

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**.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

mortality

n. the quality or state of being subject to death

synonym: fatality

(1) **mortality** due to cancer, (2) lower infant **mortality**

This disease has a high **mortality**.

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.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

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**.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

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.

apparent

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

synonym: obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction

This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**
He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

slight

adj. very small in degree or amount

synonym: feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym: fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

vocabulary

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

synonym: lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

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.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

legend

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

synonym : fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

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.

fountain

n. a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water

synonym : spring, well, spout

(1) **fountain** plaza, (2) decorative **fountain**

The **fountain** in the park provided a relaxing atmosphere.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

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

hormone

n. a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

(1) **hormone** secretion, (2) female **hormone**

The doctor diagnosed me with a **hormone** disorder.

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**.

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.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

synonym: branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick
A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym: hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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.

chapter

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

synonym: section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym : dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

resurrection

n. the act of being brought back to life or revived, especially after a period of death or dormancy; a rebirth or renewal of something that was thought to be lost or forgotten

synonym : resurgence, revival, rebirth

(1) **resurrection** story, (2) political **resurrection**

The idea of **resurrection** is central to many religious beliefs.

tomb

n. a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried

synonym : grave, burial site, mausoleum

(1) bury in **tomb**, (2) the ancient **tomb**

The **tomb** of the unknown soldier honored the bravery and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in battle.

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.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym: ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

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.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

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.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym: tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

zombie

n. a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way

synonym: living dead, ghost, machine

(1) **zombie** bank, (2) **zombie** movie

If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a **zombie** at work.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

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**.

eternal

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

synonym: endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling

In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to

obtain **eternal** life.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

nonetheless

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

synonym: nevertheless, regardless, still

(1) we are **nonetheless** confident, (2) love him

nonetheless

They each choose **nonetheless** to battle.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

upload

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

synonym: transfer, load up

(1) **upload** files, (2) **upload** documents to the portal

I need to **upload** these pictures to my computer to edit them.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym: core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

avatar

n. (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.

synonym: embodiment, expression, apotheosis

(1) digital **avatar**, (2) the **avatar** of the authority

A person's cyberspace **avatar** often represents the appearance and behavior that the person wants to be.

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**.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

echo

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym : reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym : fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym : forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

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.

fame

n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

synonym : celebrity, renown, stardom

(1) leap into **fame**, (2) his undying **fame**

Good **fame** is better than a good face.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

widespread

adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

synonym : across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war

In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym : choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat
The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

tangible

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

synonym : palpable, real, actual

(1) **tangible** assets, (2) produce **tangible** results

A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes **tangible**.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

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.

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym : family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

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.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

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**.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym :

resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**
Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

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.

denial

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

synonym: refusal, rejection, veto

(1) state of **denial**, (2) an absolute **denial**

She gave us a categorical **denial** of the scandal.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
synonym : grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

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.

unconscious

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

synonym : comatose, paralyzed, senseless

(1) **unconscious** bias, (2) a person who is **unconscious**

I know his **unconscious** habit that he touches his face when he lies.

minimize

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

synonym : diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict

I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym : jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase
Canada **bounds** on the United States.

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.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym : far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors
The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting
Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

exotic

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

synonym : foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation
I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event
The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym : experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

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.

treasure

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

synonym : hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

comic

adj. funny and making you laugh

synonym : amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat

The novel is **comic** and tragic.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym : deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym : legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a person who is unc_____us *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
2. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
3. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
4. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
5. em_____al philosophy *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
6. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
7. 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
8. a di_____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
9. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
10. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

ANSWERS: 1. unconscious, 2. relevance, 3. fantastic, 4. nation, 5. empirical, 6. afterward, 7. discovery, 8. distant, 9. psychology, 10. skeptical

11. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
12. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
13. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
14. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
15. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
16. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
17. 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

ANSWERS: 11. shadow, 12. observe, 13. influence, 14. judge, 15. influence, 16. essence, 17. cryonics

18. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
19. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
20. female ho_____e *n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood
21. tr_____re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
22. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
23. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
24. under a cu__e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

ANSWERS: 18. psychology, 19. argue, 20. hormone, 21. treasure, 22. process, 23. sacrifice, 24. curse

25. mis_____ion of expenses *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
26. 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
27. co__c books *adj.* funny and making you laugh
28. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
29. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
30. a mo___l combat *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
31. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
32. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
33. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
34. hal_____ted support *adj.* without enthusiasm or commitment; lacking enthusiasm or energy; not done with conviction or conviction
35. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

ANSWERS: 25. miscalculation, 26. nationalist, 27. comic, 28. stem, 29. widespread, 30. mortal, 31. neuroscience, 32. distort, 33. desire, 34. half-hearted, 35. beneath

36. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
37. ho_____e secretion *n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood
38. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
39. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
40. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
41. s__m from a belief *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
42. an absolute de___l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
43. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
44. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

ANSWERS: 36. risky, 37. hormone, 38. pursue, 39. landscape, 40. diversity, 41. stem, 42. denial, 43. messy, 44. bet

45. decorative fo____in *n.* a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
46. sh____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
47. ma____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
48. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
49. up____d documents to the portal *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
50. ac____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
51. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
52. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
53. re____ct the dead *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
54. omn____nt ruler *adj.* having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything
55. mis____ion of time *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

ANSWERS: 45. fountain, 46. shocking, 47. magical, 48. strategy, 49. upload, 50. achieve, 51. typical, 52. bias, 53. resurrect, 54. omnipotent, 55. miscalculation

56. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
57. el_____or ride *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
58. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
59. few cu__e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
60. ex__c vacation *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
61. en_____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
62. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
63. 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

ANSWERS: 56. introduction, 57. elevator, 58. faith, 59. curse, 60. exotic, 61. encompass, 62. advance, 63. Christ

64. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
65. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
66. 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
67. ap_____nt contradiction *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
68. 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
69. re____l an old tale *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
70. 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
71. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something

ANSWERS: 64. brain, 65. develop, 66. disease, 67. apparent, 68. alchemy, 69. retell, 70. disease, 71. embedded

72. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
73. 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
74. mo_____ty due to cancer *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
75. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
76. 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
77. 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
78. 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
79. a ge_____c disorder *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
80. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 72. nation, 73. alchemy, 74. mortality, 75. decide, 76. nationalist, 77. horizon, 78. skeptic, 79. genetic, 80. landscape

81. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
82. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
83. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
84. 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
85. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
86. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
87. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
88. re___l a story *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
89. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

ANSWERS: 81. hero, 82. essence, 83. pursue, 84. orthodox, 85. prefer, 86. engineer, 87. engineer, 88. retell, 89. adventure

90. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
91. we are non_____ss confident *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
92. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
93. prove unr_____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
94. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
95. the ancient t__b *n.* a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried
96. ta_____le assets *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
97. im_____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
98. the imm_____ty of the soul *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
99. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
100. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
101. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

ANSWERS: 90. regardless, 91. nonetheless, 92. reinvent, 93. unreliable, 94. damn, 95. tomb, 96. tangible, 97. immortal, 98. immortality, 99. mention, 100. scared, 101. awkward

102. Je___h history	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
103. wa____r spirit	<i>n.</i> a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
104. ov____me all difficulties	<i>v.</i> to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
105. re____ct an argument	<i>v.</i> to bring back to life or bring into existence again
106. a scientific di____ry	<i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
107. the wo____ew of the ancient civilization	<i>n.</i> a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
108. ag____ic position	<i>n.</i> a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
109. a private ind____al	<i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
110. bury in t__b	<i>n.</i> a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried
111. way to mi____ze conflict	<i>v.</i> to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
112. evolutionary bi____y	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 102. Jewish, 103. warrior, 104. overcome, 105. resurrect, 106. discovery, 107. worldview, 108. agnostic, 109. individual, 110. tomb, 111. minimize, 112. biology

113. 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
114. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
115. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
116. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
117. unc_____us bias *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
118. have apo_____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
119. state of de____l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
120. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
121. zo____e bank *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
122. a di____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 113. skeptic, 114. tradition, 115. manifestation, 116. strength, 117. unconscious, 118. apocalyptic, 119. denial, 120. mention, 121. zombie, 122. digital

123. an aw____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
124. pl_____le explanation *adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing
125. 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
126. v__d contract *n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
127. ex___c species *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
128. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
129. sw_____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
130. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
131. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
132. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

ANSWERS: 123. awkward, 124. plausible, 125. recur, 126. void, 127. exotic, 128. decide, 129. swallow, 130. scared, 131. doubt, 132. epic

133. imp_____le excuse *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
134. t__w out a glacier *v.* to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly
135. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
136. na_____le device *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
137. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
138. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
139. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
140. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
141. a co__c hat *adj.* funny and making you laugh
142. wid_____ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people

ANSWERS: 133. implausible, 134. thaw, 135. tradition, 136. nanoscale, 137. develop, 138. strength, 139. epic, 140. regardless, 141. comic, 142. widespread

143. gr__e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
144. traditional cou_____an *n.* (considered non-inclusive) a person who lives in the country or a rural area; a compatriot or fellow citizen
145. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
146. basketball le___d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
147. 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
148. feeling omn_____nt *adj.* having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything
149. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
150. me__y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
151. em_____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
152. ch_____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

ANSWERS: 143. grave, 144. countryman, 145. frightening, 146. legend, 147. nanoscale, 148. omnipotent, 149. fantastic, 150. messy, 151. embedded, 152. chapter

153. fo____in plaza *n.* a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
154. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
155. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
156. the ground be____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
157. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
158. in_____us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
159. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
160. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
161. v__d of expression *n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
162. modern el_____or *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
163. 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

ANSWERS: 153. fountain, 154. myth, 155. terrifying, 156. beneath, 157. comfort, 158. ingenious, 159. fashion, 160. spiritual, 161. void, 162. elevator, 163. cryonics

164. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
165. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
166. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
167. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
168. ag_____ic world-view *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
169. hal_____ted smile *adj.* without enthusiasm or commitment; lacking enthusiasm or energy; not done with conviction or conviction
170. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
171. a pl_____le liar *adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing
172. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
173. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 164. confront, 165. apocalyptic, 166. myth, 167. philosophy, 168. agnostic, 169. half-hearted, 170. sophisticated, 171. plausible, 172. digital, 173. faith

174. et____l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
175. ty____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
176. 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
177. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
178. 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
179. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
180. this mo____l life *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
181. mi_____ze a loss *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
182. as_____ut in training *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
183. produce ta____le results *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

ANSWERS: 174. eternal, 175. typical, 176. intern, 177. manifestation, 178. orthodox, 179. diversity, 180. mortal, 181. minimize, 182. astronaut, 183. tangible

184. im____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
185. voc____ry list *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
186. 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
187. freedom of re____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
188. 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
189. m_m's cooking *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
190. gastronomic ad____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
191. em____al research *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
192. 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

ANSWERS: 184. immortal, 185. vocabulary, 186. elixir, 187. religion, 188. rev, 189. mum, 190. adventure, 191. empirical, 192. horizon

193. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
194. le___d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
195. digital av___r *n.* (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.
196. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
197. et_____al beauty *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
198. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
199. res_____ion story *n.* the act of being brought back to life or revived, especially after a period of death or dormancy; a rebirth or renewal of something that was thought to be lost or forgotten
200. 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
201. love him non_____ss *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

ANSWERS: 193. individual, 194. legend, 195. avatar, 196. spiritual, 197. ethereal, 198. terrifying, 199. resurrection, 200. recur, 201. nonetheless

202. aboriginal tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
203. imp_____le theory *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
204. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
205. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
206. 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
207. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
208. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
209. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
210. leap into f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
211. en_____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

ANSWERS: 202. tribe, 203. implausible, 204. echo, 205. comfort, 206. Christ, 207. bound, 208. achieve, 209. echo, 210. fame, 211. encompass

212. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
213. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
214. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
215. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
216. an introductory ch_____r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
217. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
218. keep m_m *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
219. up___d files *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
220. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
221. have ge_____c testing *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

ANSWERS: 212. sacrifice, 213. magical, 214. bound, 215. judge, 216. chapter, 217. evolution, 218. mum, 219. upload, 220. shocking, 221. genetic

222. cou_____an lifestyle *n.* (considered non-inclusive) a person who lives in the country or a rural area; a compatriot or fellow citizen
223. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
224. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
225. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
226. ro___t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
227. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
228. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
229. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
230. in_____us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
231. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
232. di_____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 222. countryman, 223. bet, 224. biology, 225. brain, 226. rocket, 227. ancient, 228. afterward, 229. sophisticated, 230. ingenious, 231. frightening, 232. distort

233. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
234. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
235. low-r_v engine *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
236. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
237. ad____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
238. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
239. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

ANSWERS: 233. argue, 234. process, 235. rev, 236. prefer, 237. advance, 238. introduction, 239. strip

240. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
241. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
242. tr_____re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
243. lower infant mo_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
244. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
245. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
246. sl___t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
247. his undying f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
248. unr_____le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
249. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
250. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
251. the av___r of the authority *n.* (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.

ANSWERS: 240. phrase, 241. variation, 242. treasure, 243. mortality, 244. variation, 245. evolution, 246. slight, 247. fame, 248. unreliable, 249. doubt, 250. strategy, 251. avatar

252. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
253. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
254. the hope of et_____l life *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
255. et_____al light *adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
256. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
257. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
258. ro___t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
259. feel a sl___t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
260. academic voc_____ry *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
261. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
262. a sw_____w tail *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

ANSWERS: 252. astronaut, 253. Jewish, 254. eternal, 255. ethereal, 256. observe, 257. worldview, 258. rocket, 259. slight, 260. vocabulary, 261. religion, 262. swallow

263. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
264. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
265. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
266. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
267. 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
268. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
269. t__w relations between countries *v.* to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly
270. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
271. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 263. ancient, 264. strip, 265. grasp, 266. grave, 267. elixir, 268. philosophy, 269. thaw, 270. confront, 271. reinvent

272. armored wa_____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
273. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
274. political res_____ion *n.* the act of being brought back to life or revived, especially after a period of death or dormancy; a rebirth or renewal of something that was thought to be lost or forgotten
275. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
276. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
277. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
278. heir ap_____nt *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
279. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
280. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 272. warrior, 273. fashion, 274. resurrection, 275. bias, 276. doom, 277. shadow, 278. apparent, 279. risky, 280. hero

281. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
282. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
283. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
284. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
285. di_____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
286. achieve imm_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
287. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
288. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
289. fleshly de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
290. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
291. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
292. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

ANSWERS: 281. skeptical, 282. relevance, 283. overcome, 284. neuroscience, 285. distant, 286. immortality, 287. phrase, 288. demonstrate, 289. desire, 290. doom, 291. demonstrate, 292. grasp

293. mountain tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
294. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
295. zo___e movie *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
296. 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

ANSWERS: 293. tribe, 294. damn, 295. zombie, 296. intern

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
2. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
3. 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
4. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
5. My _____ always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.
n. a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
6. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
7. 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
8. Using proper _____ is essential for writing a good essay.
n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

ANSWERS: 1. confront, 2. strategy, 3. nationalist, 4. judge, 5. mum, 6. demonstrate, 7. miscalculation, 8. vocabulary

9. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
10. A rose has thorns on its _____.
n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
11. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.
adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
12. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.
adj. disorganized and untidy
13. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
14. 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
15. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
16. I'm _____ of insects.
adj. afraid or frightened

ANSWERS: 9. reinvent, 10. stem, 11. awkward, 12. messy, 13. sacrifice, 14. manifestation, 15. fantastic, 16. scared

17. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so _____.
adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill
18. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together
19. Ethics is a branch of _____.
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
20. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
21. 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
22. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
23. 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
24. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 17. ingenious, 18. phrase, 19. philosophy, 20. introduction, 21. rev, 22. overcome, 23. encompass, 24. distort

25. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

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

26. 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

27. The hotel's _____ was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

28. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

29. Good _____ is better than a good face.

n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

30. This star is _____ to the naked eye.

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

31. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 25. frightening, 26. cryonics, 27. elevator, 28. regardless, 29. fame, 30. apparent, 31. terrifying

32. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

33. She gave us a categorical _____ of the scandal.

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

34. By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously _____.

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

35. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

36. 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

37. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

38. 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

39. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

ANSWERS: 32. skeptical, 33. denial, 34. unreliable, 35. essence, 36. recur, 37. chapter, 38. discovery, 39. swallowed

40. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.
n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
41. They each choose _____ to battle.
adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
42. 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
43. 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
44. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
45. The _____ of the unknown soldier honored the bravery and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in battle.
n. a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried
46. 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
47. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.
adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

ANSWERS: 40. curse, 41. nonetheless, 42. agnostic, 43. immortal, 44. biology, 45. tomb, 46. alchemy, 47. genetic

48. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

49. He challenged the _____ views on business.

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

50. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

51. Canada _____ on the United States.

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

52. All humans are _____ and will eventually die.

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

53. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

54. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

55. 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

ANSWERS: 48. sophisticated, 49. orthodox, 50. comfort, 51. bounds, 52. mortal, 53. psychology, 54. engineer, 55. disease

56. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.
n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
57. We made _____ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.
adj. very small in degree or amount
58. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
59. The sun was beginning to _____ the frozen ground.
v. to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly
60. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.
n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
61. 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
62. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
63. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 56. epic, 57. slight, 58. hero, 59. thaw, 60. tribe, 61. individual, 62. decide, 63. strength

64. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
65. The novel is _____ and tragic.
- adj.* funny and making you laugh
66. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
67. They have been living near water since _____ times.
- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
68. The _____ music created a dreamlike atmosphere in the concert hall.
- adj.* delicate, light, and airy; extremely refined or subtle; heavenly or spiritual
69. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
70. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
- n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
71. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
- v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 64. tradition, 65. comic, 66. Doubt, 67. ancient, 68. ethereal, 69. mentioned, 70. shadow, 71. observe

72. I need to _____ these pictures to my computer to edit them.
v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
73. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something
74. The doctor diagnosed me with a _____ disorder.
n. a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood
75. She made a _____ attempt to apologize for her mistake.
adj. without enthusiasm or commitment; lacking enthusiasm or energy; not done with conviction or conviction
76. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
77. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
78. The pirates searched for buried _____ in the dunes.
n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
79. The _____ in the park provided a relaxing atmosphere.
n. a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water

ANSWERS: 72. upload, 73. embedded, 74. hormone, 75. half-hearted, 76. religion, 77. brain, 78. treasure, 79. fountain

80. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
81. 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
82. He _____ the truth to plead not guilty.
v. to tell someone about something again or differently
83. 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
84. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something
85. They tried to _____ the ancient tradition.
v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again
86. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
87. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

ANSWERS: 80. doom, 81. worldviews, 82. retells, 83. apocalyptic, 84. beneath, 85. resurrect, 86. desire, 87. myth

88. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
- n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
89. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
- v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
90. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.
- adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
91. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.
- n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
92. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.
- n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
93. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
- adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
94. 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

ANSWERS: 88. landscape, 89. advance, 90. distant, 91. variation, 92. graves, 93. Jewish, 94. interned

95. If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a _____ at work.
n. a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
96. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
97. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.
adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
98. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
99. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.
n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
100. This disease has a high _____.
n. the quality or state of being subject to death
101. She researched gender _____ in politics.
n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
102. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain _____ life.
adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

ANSWERS: 95. zombie, 96. argue, 97. shocking, 98. typical, 99. rocket, 100. mortality, 101. bias, 102. eternal

103. I know his _____ habit that he touches his face when he lies.

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

104. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

105. 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

106. I ____ that you know it.

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

107. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

108. 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

109. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

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

110. 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

ANSWERS: 103. unconscious, 104. minimize, 105. omnipotent, 106. bet, 107. influence, 108. nation, 109. astronaut, 110. neuroscience

111. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

112. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

113. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

114. The _____ in her heart was filled with the love of her family.

n. an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force

115. The study's results were based on _____ evidence gathered from extensive research.

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

116. 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

117. Many people believe in the concept of _____ and an afterlife.

n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever

ANSWERS: 111. prefer, 112. damn, 113. relevance, 114. void, 115. empirical, 116. nanoscale, 117. immortality

118. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

119. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

120. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

121. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

122. She could find no _____ explanation for its failure.

adj. seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing

123. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

124. 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

ANSWERS: 118. process, 119. risky, 120. develop, 121. echoed, 122. plausible, 123. magical, 124. implausible

125. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

126. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

- adv.* after the time mentioned

127. 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

128. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.

- n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

129. They study the _____ of the universe.

- n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

130. A person's cyberspace _____ often represents the appearance and behavior that the person wants to be.

- n.* (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.

131. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

- n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

132. 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

ANSWERS: 125. achieve, 126. afterward, 127. horizon, 128. diversity, 129. evolution, 130. avatar, 131. faith, 132. elixir

133. She intends to _____ a political career.

- v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

134. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of 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

135. 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

136. A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes _____.

- adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

137. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.

- v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

138. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

- adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

139. Many of the _____ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

- n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

ANSWERS: 133. pursue, 134. Christmas, 135. countryman, 136. tangible, 137. grasp, 138. digital, 139. legends

140. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.
- n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
141. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
- n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
142. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
143. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.
- adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
144. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.
- v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
145. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.
- adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
146. 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
147. That style is no longer in _____.
- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

ANSWERS: 140. adventures, 141. warrior, 142. spiritual, 143. widespread, 144. strip, 145. exotic, 146. skeptic, 147. fashion

148. The idea of _____ is central to many religious beliefs.

- n.* the act of being brought back to life or revived, especially after a period of death or dormancy; a rebirth or renewal of something that was thought to be lost or forgotten

ANSWERS: 148. resurrection