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Session 1: Word List

plutocrat

n. a wealthy person who uses their wealth and power to influence government and society to their advantage

synonym: wealthy person, tycoon, magnate

(1) political **plutocrat**, (2) tech **plutocrat**

The wealthy **plutocrat** owned several companies and a private jet.

apologetic

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

synonym: sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work

late into the night.

obscene

adj. offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

synonym : improper, nasty, lewd

(1) **obscene** literature, (2) an **obscene** story

He made an **obscene** gesture.

mediocre

adj. of only average quality; not very good

synonym : average, ordinary, unimpressive

(1) **mediocre** performance, (2) a **mediocre** talent

He was considered a **mediocre** artist compared to others in his field.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

entrepreneurship

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

synonym : self-employment, risk-taking

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

entrepreneurship

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

pitchfork

n. a long-handled farm tool with two or three prongs at the end, used for turning over hay or other agricultural materials

synonym : hayfork, trident, pikestaff

(1) **pitchfork** attack, (2) **pitchfork** protest

The angry mob marched towards the mansion with

pitchforks and torches in hand.

avarice

n. an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness

synonym: greed, covetousness, rapacity

(1) unbridled **avarice**, (2) his **avarice** knew no bounds
His **avarice** for money led him to make unethical decisions in business.

tippy

adj. tending to tip or tilt easily; slightly unsteady or inclined to lose balance, often used to describe objects or surfaces that are precarious or unstable

synonym: tilting, inclined, wobbly

(1) **tippy** toes, (2) **tippy** boat

Be careful walking on this **tippy** bridge, as it's unstable.

feudalism

n. a social and economic system that was prevalent in medieval Europe, in which the nobility controlled land and resources, and peasants or serfs worked the land in exchange for protection and a share of the produce; a hierarchical system characterized by a rigid social structure based on land ownership and loyalty

synonym: serfdom, manorialism, fiefdom

(1) **feudalism** system, (2) medieval **feudalism**

The **feudalism-based** society of the Middle Ages had a strict hierarchy of lords and vassals.

rentier

n. a person whose income is derived primarily or solely from the ownership or investment in property, land, or other assets; someone who earns money through rent or income from investments rather than through labor or work

synonym: investor, capitalist, landlord

(1) **rentier** class, (2) wealthy **rentier**

She lived a **rentier** lifestyle, traveling the world and enjoying her inheritance without ever having to work a day in her life.

zillion

n. an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity

synonym : countless, myriad

(1) a **zillion** photos of my childhood, (2) **zillion** possibilities
The company received a **zillion** complaints about their faulty product.

glaring

adj. extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

synonym : blatant, flagrant, obvious

(1) **glaring** example, (2) **glaring** omission

The **glaring** sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

inequity

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

synonym : injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym : unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

uprising

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym : revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

intuit

v. to understand or know something instinctively or without conscious reasoning; to perceive or apprehend something immediately or intuitively

synonym : perceive, sense, grasp

(1) **intuit** the motive, (2) **intuit** a solution

From her experience with similar projects, she could **intuit** the most efficient way to complete the task.

trickle

v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

synonym : dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

neoclassical

adj. relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries

(1) **neoclassical** economics, (2) **neoclassical** music

The **neoclassical** style of architecture is characterized by symmetry and simplicity.

solver

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

synonym : thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

prosperous

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

synonym : successful, thriving, affluent

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

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

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.

contravene

v. to go against or violate a law, rule, or principle; to act contrary to someone's wishes or expectations

synonym : breach, violate, transgress

(1) **contravene** the protocol, (2) **contravene** the rules

The company's decision to **contravene** safety regulations put its employees at risk.

outsource

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

synonym : delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India

The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

skyrocket

v. to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;

synonym : rocket, soar, shoot up

(1) **skyrocket** the cost, (2) price **skyrocketed**

Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have **skyrocketed** dramatically.

insidious

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

synonym : sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

dispense

v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

synonym : distribute, allocate, deal out

(1) **dispense** with ceremony, (2) **dispense** justice

The pharmacist started to **dispense** medication to patients.

barefoot

adj. without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

synonym: bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) **barefoot** walk, (2) **barefoot** fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

inexorable

adj. describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect

synonym: relentless, implacable, unyielding

(1) **inexorable** decline, (2) **inexorable** force

His **inexorable** determination to succeed made him a force to be reckoned with.

shrewd

adj. marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner

synonym: astute, sharp, clever

(1) **shrewd** negotiation tactics, (2) **shrewd** observation

The **shrewd** businessman always knew the right moves to make to succeed.

persuasive

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

synonym: convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

bankrupt

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

synonym: insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close

its doors permanently.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ine_____le force *adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
2. ou_____ce a non-core function *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
3. ou_____ce to India *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
4. linear so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
5. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
6. sh____d negotiation tactics *adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner
7. pi_____rk attack *n.* a long-handled farm tool with two or three prongs at the end, used for turning over hay or other agricultural materials

ANSWERS: 1. inexorable, 2. outsource, 3. outsource, 4. solver, 5. intuition, 6. shrewd, 7. pitchfork

8. zi____n possibilities *n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
9. ti__y toes *adj.* tending to tip or tilt easily; slightly unsteady or inclined to lose balance, often used to describe objects or surfaces that are precarious or unstable
10. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
11. 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
12. gl____g example *adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
13. sh____d observation *adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner
14. a zi____n photos of my childhood *n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
15. in____ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
16. pro____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

ANSWERS: 8. zillion, 9. tippy, 10. industrious, 11. orthodox, 12. glaring, 13. shrewd, 14. zillion, 15. inequity, 16. prosperous

17. 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
18. ti__y boat *adj.* tending to tip or tilt easily; slightly unsteady or inclined to lose balance, often used to describe objects or surfaces that are precarious or unstable
19. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
20. ba____ot fashion *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
21. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
22. me____re performance *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
23. un____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
24. price sk_____eted *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
25. market in____ty *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
26. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
27. financially ba____pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

ANSWERS: 17. orthodox, 18. tippy, 19. cofounder, 20. barefoot, 21. entrepreneurship, 22. mediocre, 23. unequal, 24. skyrocket, 25. inequity, 26. entrepreneurship, 27. bankrupt

28. fe_____sm system *n.* a social and economic system that was prevalent in medieval Europe, in which the nobility controlled land and resources, and peasants or serfs worked the land in exchange for protection and a share of the produce; a hierarchical system characterized by a rigid social structure based on land ownership and loyalty
29. ob_____e literature *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
30. an ob_____e story *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
31. in_____us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
32. con_____ne the protocol *v.* to go against or violate a law, rule, or principle; to act contrary to someone's wishes or expectations
33. pi_____rk protest *n.* a long-handled farm tool with two or three prongs at the end, used for turning over hay or other agricultural materials
34. per_____ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
35. tr_____e from his eyes *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
36. apo_____ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

ANSWERS: 28. feudalism, 29. obscene, 30. obscene, 31. insidious, 32. contravene, 33. pitchfork, 34. persuasive, 35. trickle, 36. apologetic

37. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
38. tech pl_____at *n.* a wealthy person who uses their wealth and power to influence government and society to their advantage
39. in____t a solution *v.* to understand or know something instinctively or without conscious reasoning; to perceive or apprehend something immediately or intuitively
40. per_____ve advertising *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
41. puzzle-so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
42. unbridled av_____e *n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
43. di_____se justice *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
44. violent up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
45. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
46. political pl_____at *n.* a wealthy person who uses their wealth and power to influence government and society to their advantage
47. ine_____le decline *adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect

ANSWERS: 37. prosperous, 38. plutocrat, 39. intuit, 40. persuasive, 41. solver, 42. avarice, 43. dispense, 44. uprising, 45. cofounder, 46. plutocrat, 47. inexorable

48. stage an up_____ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
49. his av_____e knew no bounds *n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
50. apo_____ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
51. con_____ne the rules *v.* to go against or violate a law, rule, or principle; to act contrary to someone's wishes or expectations
52. wealthy re_____r *n.* a person whose income is derived primarily or solely from the ownership or investment in property, land, or other assets; someone who earns money through rent or income from investments rather than through labor or work
53. tr_____e down my cheek *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
54. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
55. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
56. in_____us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

ANSWERS: 48. uprising, 49. avarice, 50. apologetic, 51. contravene, 52. rentier, 53. trickle, 54. unequal, 55. intuition, 56. insidious

57. di_____se with ceremony *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
58. ba_____pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
59. ba_____ot walk *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
60. sk_____et the cost *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
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62. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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ANSWERS: 57. dispense, 58. bankrupt, 59. barefoot, 60. skyrocket, 61. neoclassical, 62. industrious, 63. intuit, 64. feudalism

65. neo_____cal economics

adj. relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries

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n. a person whose income is derived primarily or solely from the ownership or investment in property, land, or other assets; someone who earns money through rent or income from investments rather than through labor or work

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adj. extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

68. a me_____re talent

adj. of only average quality; not very good

ANSWERS: 65. neoclassical, 66. rentier, 67. glaring, 68. mediocre

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.
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7. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. entrepreneurship, 2. inequity, 3. barefoot, 4. intuitions, 5. tippy, 6. orthodox, 7. unequal

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- adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner
21. The wealthy _____ owned several companies and a private jet.
- n.* a wealthy person who uses their wealth and power to influence government and society to their advantage
22. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 16. inexorable, 17. intuit, 18. feudalism-based, 19. uprising, 20. shrewd, 21. plutocrat, 22. industrious

23. The _____ style of architecture is characterized by symmetry and simplicity.

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ANSWERS: 23. neoclassical, 24. persuasive, 25. dispense, 26. glaring, 27. zillion, 28. avarice, 29. contravene, 30. solver

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ANSWERS: 31. outsource, 32. insidious, 33. bankrupt, 34. trickle