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Session 1: Word List

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

starlight

n. the light emitted or reflected by stars, often observed in the night sky; the radiant energy emitted by stars

synonym : twinkle, starshine, stardust

(1) **starlight** sky, (2) romantic **starlight**

The romantic couple had a picnic under the **starlight**.

campfire

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

synonym : bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**
The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

readjust

v. to change or set something again after an initial failure

synonym: rearrange, readjust, alter

(1) **readjust** sections of land, (2) **readjust** a focus

You have to **readjust** your attitude immediately.

recuperate

v. to recover, heal, or regain health, strength, or well-being after an illness, injury, or period of stress or exhaustion

synonym: heal, recover, recuperate

(1) **recuperate** from illness, (2) **recuperate** lost data

After surgery, it's important to rest and **recuperate** before returning to your normal activities.

deterrent

n. something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle

synonym: hindrance, obstacle, impediment

(1) criminal **deterrent**, (2) nuclear **deterrent**

The threat of punishment serves as a **deterrent** for many people who might consider committing a crime.

paparazzi

n. (plural of "paparazzo") a group of freelance photographers who doggedly follow, often aggressively, celebrities, public figures, or socialites to take their photographs in the hope of selling them to newspapers, magazines, or media outlets

synonym : photographer, pap, shutterbug

(1) **paparazzi** photos, (2) celebrity **paparazzi**

The actress had to hire security to fend off the relentless **paparazzi** outside her home.

snowy

adj. characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions

synonym : wintry, frosty, icy

(1) **snowy** mountain, (2) **snowy** landscape

Children love to play outside in the **snowy** weather.

kind-hearted

adj. having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others

synonym : compassionate, kind, sympathetic

(1) **kind-hearted** person, (2) **kind-hearted** gesture

The volunteer organization is full of **kind-hearted** people who donate their time to help others.

ubuntu

n. a concept rooted in Bantu philosophy, emphasizing the essential human virtues of empathy, compassion, and interconnectedness; a belief in the importance of community, cooperation, and shared humanity; (of a computer) a popular open-source operating system based on the Linux kernel

synonym : humanity, compassion, empathy

(1) **ubuntu** operating system, (2) **ubuntu** community

The philosophy of **ubuntu** emphasizes the interconnectedness and collective responsibility of all individuals.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**
We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

mend

v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
synonym : fix, repair, rectify

(1) **mend** broken relationship, (2) **mend** my ways
He **mended** the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

poach

v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

synonym : steal, snatch

(1) **poach** on his land, (2) **poach** deer

The chef **poached** the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

leopard

n. a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

(1) snow **leopard**, (2) **leopard** print

Leopards lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

accusation

n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone

synonym : charge, indictment, imputation

(1) criminal **accusation**, (2) false **accusation**

The **accusation** of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.

pathological

adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

synonym : aberrant, diseased, abnormal

(1) **pathological** liar, (2) **pathological** condition

The doctor was concerned that the patient's **pathological** fear of germs impacted their daily life.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

coincide

v. to take place at or near the same time

synonym: overlap, coexist, concur

(1) partly **coincide**, (2) **coincide** with reality

These results **coincide** with our hypothesis.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

synonym: dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

crocodile

n. a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

synonym: alligator, gator, croc

(1) **crocodile** hide, (2) saltwater **crocodile**

The **crocodile** attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

ferocity

n. the quality or state of being fierce, intense, or violent; extreme or wild aggressiveness

synonym: fierceness, intensity, violence

(1) roar with **ferocity**, (2) the **ferocity** of the battle

The **ferocity** of the windstorm knocked over trees and

caused power outages.

wham

n. a sudden, forceful impact or blow; a loud noise or sound effect used in music or film

synonym: bang, crash, slam

(1) **wham** sound effect, (2) **wham** noise

The car hit the curb with a loud **wham**, causing some damage to the tire.

slick

adj. smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient

synonym: smooth, polished, shiny

(1) a **slick** operation, (2) **slick** design

The politician gave a **slick** speech, but it was full of empty promises.

spit

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

synonym: expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva

She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

mangle

v. to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape

synonym: crush, deform, disfigure

(1) **mangle** my foot, (2) **mangled** their favorite toy

The machine **mangled** the sheet of metal beyond repair.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

wade

v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through

something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

synonym : paddle, trudge, slosh

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork

I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym : invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

pelvic

adj. of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips

(1) **pelvic** pain, (2) **pelvic** exam

The **pelvic** region is an important area of the human anatomy.

deformity

n. a physical abnormality or distortion

synonym : abnormality, malformation, disfigurement

(1) **deformity** of character, (2) physical **deformity**

The **deformity** in the steel beam caused the bridge to collapse.

migratory

adj. relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons

synonym : nomadic, wandering, roving

(1) **migratory** species, (2) **migratory** route

The **migratory** birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

invert

v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

synonym: turn upside down, reverse, flip

(1) **invert** a glass, (2) **invert** position

He decided to **invert** his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.

outpouring

n. a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time

synonym: outflow, surge, torrent

(1) artistic **outpouring**, (2) emotional **outpouring**

The **outpouring** of support from the community was overwhelming after the tragic event.

kinship

n. the state or fact of being related to someone

synonym: family, relationship, connection

(1) **kinship** ties, (2) **kinship** relations

She felt a sense of **kinship** with her new colleagues.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

matriarch

n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym: leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

shovel

n. a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials

synonym: excavator, scoop, trowel

(1) snow **shovel**, (2) **shovel** blade

The construction workers used a power **shovel** to dig the foundation for the building.

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

synonym: church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

distraught

adj. deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled

synonym: upset, troubled, distressed

(1) **distraught** with grief, (2) **distraught** emotions

After receiving the bad news, he was so **distraught** that he couldn't concentrate on anything else for the rest of the day.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
2. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
3. celebrity pa_____zi *n.* (plural of "paparazzo") a group of freelance photographers who doggedly follow, often aggressively, celebrities, public figures, or socialites to take their photographs in the hope of selling them to newspapers, magazines, or media outlets
4. ruled by a ma_____ch *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
5. le_____d print *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
6. pe___c exam *adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
7. dis_____ht with grief *adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled
8. develop an attitude of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
9. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 1. excite, 2. interconnect, 3. paparazzi, 4. matriarch, 5. leopard, 6. pelvic, 7. distraught, 8. humility, 9. empathy

10. saltwater cr_____le *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
11. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
12. romantic st_____ht *n.* the light emitted or reflected by stars, often observed in the night sky; the radiant energy emitted by stars
13. dis_____ht emotions *adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled
14. snow sh____l *n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
15. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
16. inc_____ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
17. nuclear de_____nt *n.* something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
18. ub____u operating system *n.* a concept rooted in Bantu philosophy, emphasizing the essential human virtues of empathy, compassion, and interconnectedness; a belief in the importance of community, cooperation, and shared humanity; (of a computer) a popular open-source operating system based on the Linux kernel

ANSWERS: 10. crocodile, 11. animate, 12. starlight, 13. distraught, 14. shovel, 15. opportune, 16. incarceration, 17. deterrent, 18. ubuntu

19. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
20. w__m noise *n.* a sudden, forceful impact or blow; a loud noise or sound effect used in music or film
21. mi_____ry route *adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
22. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
23. criminal de_____nt *n.* something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
24. sl__k design *adj.* smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
25. m__d my ways *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
26. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
27. w__m sound effect *n.* a sudden, forceful impact or blow; a loud noise or sound effect used in music or film
28. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
29. sn__y landscape *adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions

ANSWERS: 19. amaze, 20. wham, 21. migratory, 22. empathy, 23. deterrent, 24. slick, 25. mend, 26. well-being, 27. wham, 28. philanthropy, 29. snowy

30. m__d broken relationship *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
31. cr_____le hide *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
32. ki_____p ties *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
33. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
34. ma_____ed their favorite toy *v.* to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape
35. rec_____te from illness *v.* to recover, heal, or regain health, strength, or well-being after an illness, injury, or period of stress or exhaustion
36. rec_____te lost data *v.* to recover, heal, or regain health, strength, or well-being after an illness, injury, or period of stress or exhaustion
37. ma_____e my foot *v.* to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape
38. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
39. co_____de with reality *v.* to take place at or near the same time
40. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 30. mend, 31. crocodile, 32. kinship, 33. medicinal, 34. mangle, 35. recuperate, 36. recuperate, 37. mangle, 38. philanthropy, 39. coincide, 40. opportune

41. in___t a glass *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
42. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
43. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
44. mi_____ry species *adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
45. ca_____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
46. partly co_____de *v.* to take place at or near the same time
47. pe___c pain *adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
48. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
49. po__h on his land *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
50. st_____ht sky *n.* the light emitted or reflected by stars, often observed in the night sky; the radiant energy emitted by stars

ANSWERS: 41. invert, 42. well-being, 43. animate, 44. migratory, 45. campfire, 46. coincide, 47. pelvic, 48. medicinal, 49. poach, 50. starlight

51. sh____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
52. roast marshmallows around the
ca____re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
53. lack of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
54. re____st a focus *v.* to change or set something again after an initial failure
55. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
56. artistic out____ng *n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time
57. po__h deer *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
58. mass inc____ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
59. pa____zi photos *n.* (plural of "paparazzo") a group of freelance photographers who doggedly follow, often aggressively, celebrities, public figures, or socialites to take their photographs in the hope of selling them to newspapers, magazines, or media outlets

ANSWERS: 51. shadowy, 52. campfire, 53. humility, 54. readjust, 55. excite, 56. outpouring, 57. poach, 58. incarceration, 59. paparazzi

60. in___t position v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
61. s__t a mouthful of saliva v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
62. s__t beliefs n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
63. kin_____ted person adj. having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others
64. ma_____ch figure n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
65. sn__y mountain adj. characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions
66. secret s__t n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
67. human activities int_____ect with the environment v. to connect similar things
68. s__t a bullet v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

ANSWERS: 60. invert, 61. spit, 62. sect, 63. kind-hearted, 64. matriarch, 65. snowy, 66. sect, 67. interconnect, 68. spit

69. ca_____al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
70. ki_____p relations *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
71. pat_____cal condition *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
72. a sl__k operation *adj.* smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
73. false acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
74. kin_____ted gesture *adj.* having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others
75. re_____st sections of land *v.* to change or set something again after an initial failure
76. w__e through paperwork *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
77. ca_____al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

ANSWERS: 69. cathedral, 70. kinship, 71. pathological, 72. slick, 73. accusation, 74. kind-hearted, 75. readjust, 76. wade, 77. cathedral

78. ub___u community *n.* a concept rooted in Bantu philosophy, emphasizing the essential human virtues of empathy, compassion, and interconnectedness; a belief in the importance of community, cooperation, and shared humanity; (of a computer) a popular open-source operating system based on the Linux kernel
79. sh___l blade *n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
80. pat_____cal liar *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
81. snow le____d *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
82. physical de_____ty *n.* a physical abnormality or distortion
83. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
84. the fe____ty of the battle *n.* the quality or state of being fierce, intense, or violent; extreme or wild aggressiveness
85. criminal acc_____on *n.* a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
86. roar with fe____ty *n.* the quality or state of being fierce, intense, or violent; extreme or wild aggressiveness

ANSWERS: 78. ubuntu, 79. shovel, 80. pathological, 81. leopard, 82. deformity, 83. amaze, 84. ferocity, 85. accusation, 86. ferocity

87. de_____ty of character *n.* a physical abnormality or distortion
88. sh_____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
89. w__e down a street *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
90. emotional out_____ng *n.* a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time

ANSWERS: 87. deformity, 88. shadowy, 89. wade, 90. outpouring

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.
n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

2. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.
n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

3. Children love to play outside in the _____ weather.
adj. characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions

4. The _____ of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.
n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

5. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

6. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy

7. After receiving the bad news, he was so _____ that he couldn't concentrate on anything else for the rest of the day.
adj. deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled

ANSWERS: 1. cathedral's, 2. campfire, 3. snowy, 4. matriarch, 5. opportune, 6. animated, 7. distraught

8. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
9. You have to _____ your attitude immediately.
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10. These results _____ with our hypothesis.
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11. The _____ of theft was unfounded, and the suspect was eventually cleared of all charges.
n. a statement or claim alleging that someone has committed a crime, offense, or wrongdoing; a charge or indictment made against someone
12. The _____ region is an important area of the human anatomy.
adj. of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
13. The _____ in the steel beam caused the bridge to collapse.
n. a physical abnormality or distortion
14. The doctor was concerned that the patient's _____ fear of germs impacted their daily life.
adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
15. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

ANSWERS: 8. sect, 9. readjust, 10. coincide, 11. accusation, 12. pelvic, 13. deformity, 14. pathological, 15. incarceration

16. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

17. The romantic couple had a picnic under the _____.

n. the light emitted or reflected by stars, often observed in the night sky; the radiant energy emitted by stars

18. _____ lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

n. a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

19. _____ is also necessary to understand history.

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

20. The _____ of support from the community was overwhelming after the tragic event.

n. a sudden and abundant flow or expression of thoughts, feelings, emotion, or information; an overwhelming amount of something expressed in a short period of time

21. The _____ attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

n. a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

22. The volunteer organization is full of _____ people who donate their time to help others.

adj. having a caring and sympathetic nature; characterized by concern for the well-being and happiness of others

ANSWERS: 16. humility, 17. starlight, 18. Leopards, 19. Empathy, 20. outpouring, 21. crocodile, 22. kind-hearted

23. The politician gave a _____ speech, but it was full of empty promises.
adj. smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
24. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
25. He decided to _____ his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.
v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
26. The _____ of the windstorm knocked over trees and caused power outages.
n. the quality or state of being fierce, intense, or violent; extreme or wild aggressiveness
27. She tried to _____ out the gum that she had been chewing.
v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
28. I had to _____ through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.
v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
29. The machine _____ the sheet of metal beyond repair.
v. to damage or alter something by twisting, crushing, or pressing it out of shape
30. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.
adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

ANSWERS: 23. slick, 24. well-being, 25. invert, 26. ferocity, 27. spit, 28. wade, 29. mangled, 30. shadowy

31. The threat of punishment serves as a _____ for many people who might consider committing a crime.
- n.* something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
32. He _____ the torn shirt with a needle and thread.
- v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
33. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
34. The actress had to hire security to fend off the relentless _____ outside her home.
- n.* (plural of "paparazzo") a group of freelance photographers who doggedly follow, often aggressively, celebrities, public figures, or socialites to take their photographs in the hope of selling them to newspapers, magazines, or media outlets
35. The chef _____ the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.
- v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
36. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
- v.* to connect similar things
37. The car hit the curb with a loud _____ causing some damage to the tire.
- n.* a sudden, forceful impact or blow; a loud noise or sound effect used in music or film

ANSWERS: 31. deterrent, 32. mended, 33. excited, 34. paparazzi, 35. poached, 36. interconnect, 37. wham,

38. The _____ birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.
adj. relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
39. The philosophy of _____ emphasizes the interconnectedness and collective responsibility of all individuals.
n. a concept rooted in Bantu philosophy, emphasizing the essential human virtues of empathy, compassion, and interconnectedness; a belief in the importance of community, cooperation, and shared humanity; (of a computer) a popular open-source operating system based on the Linux kernel
40. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
41. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
42. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
43. After surgery, it's important to rest and _____ before returning to your normal activities.
v. to recover, heal, or regain health, strength, or well-being after an illness, injury, or period of stress or exhaustion
44. She felt a sense of _____ with her new colleagues.
n. the state or fact of being related to someone
45. The construction workers used a power _____ to dig the foundation for the building.
n. a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials

ANSWERS: 38. migratory, 39. ubuntu, 40. amazed, 41. philanthropy, 42. medicinal, 43. recuperate, 44. kinship, 45. shovel

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