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Session 1: Word List

maid

n. a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work

synonym: servant, housekeeper, domestic

(1) **maid** service, (2) a waiting **maid**

The live-in **maid** came in to clean the room every day.

undertake

v. to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility

synonym: assume, take on, embark

(1) **undertake** an enterprise, (2) **undertake** routine duties

Young people in this country should **undertake** military duties.

progressive

adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

synonym: advanced, forward-thinking, modern

(1) **progressive** taxation, (2) **progressive** development

The **progressive** approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

lesbian

n. a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women

synonym: gay woman, female homosexual, tribade

(1) **lesbian** love, (2) **lesbian** relationship

The **lesbian** couple was denied the right to marry due to the

conservative laws in their state.

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym : cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym : argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

obliterate

v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

synonym : destroy, eliminate, erase

(1) **obliterate** all traces, (2) **obliterate** data

The accident at that nuclear power plant **obliterated** the local ecosystem.

thanksgiving

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

synonym : gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

steroid

n. any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs

(1) **steroid** abuse, (2) a **steroid** hormone

Some **steroids** are banned for use by athletes because of their muscle-building effects.

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym: unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

nasty

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

synonym: disgusting, offensive, foul

(1) a **nasty** smell, (2) receive a **nasty** surprise

The weather turned **nasty**.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym: dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

traitor

n. a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

synonym: betrayal, turncoat, renegade

(1) political **traitor**, (2) notorious **traitor**

The government branded him a **traitor** after he leaked classified information to the press.

scourge

n. a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

synonym: plague, disaster, curse

(1) **scourge** of AIDS, (2) bring a **scourge** under control

The plague was a **scourge** that killed millions of people.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym: conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

dike

n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or

concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

synonym : levee, embankment, dam

(1) water **dike**, (2) coastal **dike**

The town council plans to repair the damaged **dike** along the riverbank.

naive

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

synonym : innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym : pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym : convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

knuckle

n. one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand

synonym : joint, finger joint, finger knob

(1) **knuckle** sandwich, (2) bare- **knuckle** boxer

He cracked his **knuckles** nervously before the presentation.

righteous

adj. morally correct and just; virtuous and morally upright

synonym : just, moral, upright

(1) **righteous** deed, (2) a **righteous** war

The **righteous** person always does the right thing, no matter the consequences.

condescending

adj. having or showing a feeling of superiority; patronizing

synonym : patronizing, superior, haughty

(1) **condescending** tone, (2) **condescending** smile

He had a **condescending** attitude towards those less fortunate than himself.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym : decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

synonym : by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned

Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

striking

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

synonym : arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence

The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym : discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

hokey

adj. overly sentimental, exaggerated, or contrived in an attempt to evoke emotion, often in a way that is considered insincere or tacky

synonym : corny, cheesy, cliched

(1) **hokey** movie, (2) **hokey** joke

The movie's plot seemed **hokey** and predictable to me.

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym : settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

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

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals;
for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination
of funds

Communal elections were held in several European
countries.

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.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate**
coastal areas.

gutter

n. a channel along the edge of a road or structure for
carrying away rainwater

synonym : channel, trench, drain

(1) **gutter** system, (2) a building **gutter**

The **gutter** on the roof's edge was clogged with leaves,
causing water to overflow.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

flurry

n. a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals

synonym: burst, storm, bustle

(1) **flurry** of activity, (2) **flurry** of emails

A **flurry** of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped outside.

vile

adj. highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

synonym: disgusting, repulsive, despicable

(1) **vile** behavior, (2) **vile** language

The **vile** smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.

profanity

n. a speech or behavior that expresses of lack of respect for God or holy things

synonym: cuss, expletive, crudeness

(1) give a **profanity**, (2) shout **profanity**

We do not tolerate any **profanity** or abusive language.

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.

- AI** *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
synonym : robot, machine learning, neural network
(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art
The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.
- optimistic** *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
synonym : hopeful, auspicious, cheery
(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook
Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.
- fan** *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
synonym : lover, devotee, blade
(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**
I'm a big **fan** of French food.
- lean** *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
synonym : skinny, slender, (verb) slant
(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure
Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
- torture** *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
synonym : torment, abuse, mistreatment
(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**
The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international

law.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a st____d hormone
n. any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
2. de____e topic
n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
3. obl____te data
v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
4. opt____ic outlook
adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
5. pe____de enough people
v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
6. id__t driver
n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
7. co____al combination of funds
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
8. bl__e the lack of knowledge
v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

ANSWERS: 1. steroid, 2. debate, 3. obliterate, 4. optimistic, 5. persuade, 6. idiot, 7. communal, 8. blame

9. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
10. feel com_____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
11. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
12. a ri_____us war *adj.* morally correct and just; virtuous and morally upright
13. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
14. fl___y of emails *n.* a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals
15. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
16. coastal d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
17. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
18. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 9. unbelievable, 10. compassion, 11. conservative, 12. righteous, 13. conversation, 14. flurry, 15. blame, 16. dike, 17. devastate, 18. tweet

19. bare-kn_____e boxer *n.* one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand
20. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
21. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
22. le_____n relationship *n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
23. na__e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
24. pol_____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
25. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
26. le_____n love *n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
27. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
28. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
29. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

ANSWERS: 19. knuckle, 20. gay, 21. idiot, 22. lesbian, 23. naive, 24. politically, 25. impressive, 26. lesbian, 27. spiritual, 28. debate, 29. immigrant

30. gu___r system *n.* a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater
31. con_____ing smile *adj.* having or showing a feeling of superiority; patronizing
32. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
33. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
34. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
35. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
36. v__e behavior *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
37. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
38. st_____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
39. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

ANSWERS: 30. gutter, 31. condescending, 32. torture, 33. conservative, 34. ugly, 35. fan, 36. vile, 37. torture, 38. striking, 39. naive

40. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
41. receive a na__y surprise *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
42. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
43. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
44. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
45. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
46. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
47. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
48. v__e language *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
49. notorious tr_____r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

ANSWERS: 40. impressive, 41. nasty, 42. fan, 43. dismiss, 44. disagree, 45. lean, 46. takeaway, 47. confession, 48. vile, 49. traitor

50. become pol_____ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
51. a building gu____r *n.* a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater
52. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
53. have com_____on toward the accident *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
54. st_____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
55. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
56. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
57. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
58. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
59. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 50. politically, 51. gutter, 52. incidentally, 53. compassion, 54. striking, 55. tweet, 56. AI, 57. lean, 58. confession, 59. dismiss

60. ta_____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
61. con_____ing tone *adj.* having or showing a feeling of superiority; patronizing
62. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
63. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
64. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
65. sc_____e of AIDS *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
66. tha_____ing parade *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
67. pro_____ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

ANSWERS: 60. takeaway, 61. condescending, 62. logic, 63. logic, 64. conversation, 65. scourge, 66. thanksgiving, 67. progressive

68. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
69. pro_____ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
70. un_____ke an enterprise *v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
71. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
72. a waiting m__d *n.* a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work
73. political tr____r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
74. g_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
75. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
76. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
77. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 68. scared, 69. progressive, 70. undertake, 71. blind, 72. maid, 73. traitor, 74. gay, 75. emotional, 76. communal, 77. AI

78. ho__y movie *adj.* overly sentimental, exaggerated, or contrived in an attempt to evoke emotion, often in a way that is considered insincere or tacky
79. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
80. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
81. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
82. bring a sc_____e under control *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
83. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
84. ho__y joke *adj.* overly sentimental, exaggerated, or contrived in an attempt to evoke emotion, often in a way that is considered insincere or tacky
85. kn_____e sandwich *n.* one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand
86. give a pr_____ty *n.* a speech or behavior that expresses of lack of respect for God or holy things
87. attempt to pe_____de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
88. 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: 78. hokey, 79. immigrant, 80. incidentally, 81. optimistic, 82. scourge, 83. emotional, 84. hokey, 85. knuckle, 86. profanity, 87. persuade, 88. bet

89. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
90. obl_____te all traces *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
91. st_____d abuse *n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
92. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
93. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
94. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
95. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
96. water d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
97. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
98. tha_____ing traditions *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

ANSWERS: 89. scared, 90. obliterate, 91. steroid, 92. blind, 93. spiritual, 94. disagree, 95. devastate, 96. dike, 97. ugly, 98. thanksgiving

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The movie's plot seemed _____ and predictable to me.
adj. overly sentimental, exaggerated, or contrived in an attempt to evoke emotion, often in a way that is considered insincere or tacky
2. 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
3. The weather turned _____.
adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
4. The _____ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.
adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
5. The government branded him a _____ after he leaked classified information to the press.
n. a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
6. _____ I know the answer to that question.
adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing
7. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

ANSWERS: 1. hokey, 2. spiritual, 3. nasty, 4. progressive, 5. traitor, 6. Incidentally, 7. confession

8. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.
adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
9. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.
v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
10. The two plays have many _____ parallels.
adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
11. My family gathers together every year for _____ dinner.
n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
12. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
13. The ___ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.
adj. homosexual; happy, carefree
14. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.
adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
15. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

ANSWERS: 8. conservative, 9. blamed, 10. striking, 11. thanksgiving, 12. devastate, 13. gay, 14. naive, 15. impressive

16. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
17. 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
18. He cracked his _____ nervously before the presentation.
n. one of the joint-like parts of the fingers and toes, especially of the hand
19. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
20. The town council plans to repair the damaged ____ along the riverbank.
n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
21. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
22. The _____ couple was denied the right to marry due to the conservative laws in their state.
n. a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
23. The live-in ____ came in to clean the room every day.
n. a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work

ANSWERS: 16. torture, 17. bet, 18. knuckles, 19. optimistic, 20. dike, 21. blind, 22. lesbian, 23. maid

24. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

25. The main _____ from the meeting was the need for better communication.

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

26. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

27. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

28. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

29. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

30. We do not tolerate any _____ or abusive language.

n. a speech or behavior that expresses of lack of respect for God or holy things

31. A _____ of snowflakes fell from the sky as we stepped outside.

n. a sudden and brief burst of activity or emotion; a light snowfall with gusty winds and swirling snowflakes; a rapid or disorganized movement of small objects, such as leaves or petals

ANSWERS: 24. scared, 25. takeaway, 26. unbelievable, 27. AI, 28. immigrants, 29. emotional, 30. profanity, 31. flurry

32. Young people in this country should _____ military duties.

v. to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility

33. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

34. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

35. The _____ person always does the right thing, no matter the consequences.

adj. morally correct and just; virtuous and morally upright

36. I'm a big ____ of French food.

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

37. The _____ smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.

adj. highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

38. There's no _____ in his description.

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

39. He had a _____ attitude towards those less fortunate than himself.

adj. having or showing a feeling of superiority; patronizing

ANSWERS: 32. undertake, 33. idiot, 34. politically, 35. righteous, 36. fan, 37. vile, 38. logic, 39. condescending

40. The plague was a _____ that killed millions of people.
n. a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
41. Some _____ are banned for use by athletes because of their muscle-building effects.
n. any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
42. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
43. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.
v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
44. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
45. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.
v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
46. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

ANSWERS: 40. scourge, 41. steroids, 42. Communal, 43. dismiss, 44. conversation, 45. persuade, 46. Lean

47. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.
n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
48. The accident at that nuclear power plant _____ the local ecosystem.
v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
49. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
50. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
51. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
52. The _____ on the roof's edge was clogged with leaves, causing water to overflow.
n. a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater
53. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

ANSWERS: 47. compassion, 48. obliterated, 49. ugly, 50. debate, 51. tweet, 52. gutter, 53. disagree