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Session 1: Word List

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

lifespan

n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

synonym: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

infection

n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

synonym : contagion, disease, transmission

(1) a bacterial **infection**, (2) treat the **infection** with antibiotics

Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial **infections**.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

malaria

n. a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

(1) **malaria** mosquitoes, (2) **malaria-endemic** area

Many people in tropical countries die from **malaria** every year.

imperial

adj. relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it

synonym : royal, regal

(1) **imperial** rule, (2) **imperial** palace

The **imperial** palace is now undergoing repairs.

scot

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

synonym : tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
synonym: manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
synonym: speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car
The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

jungle

n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
synonym: wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration

This village is still in a dense **jungle**.

tundra

n. a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

synonym: arctic plain, permafrost, polar desert

(1) the Siberian **tundra**, (2) **tundra** biome

The Arctic **tundra** is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion
Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym: alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym: pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**

He gained debt **forgiveness**.

halve

v. to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size

synonym: reduce by half, cut in half, split

(1) **halve** the price, (2) **halve** the workload

I need to **halve** the recipe to make just enough for two people.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

miserable

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

synonym: unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym: division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym: diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

barge

n. a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner

synonym: boat, vessel, flatboat

(1) **barge** through the crowded hallway, (2) canal **barge**

The captain of the **barge** navigated through the narrow canal with ease.

pole

n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

synonym: rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**

The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

barrel

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

synonym: cask, firkin, drum

(1) a **barrel** of beer, (2) \$30 a **barrel**

One rotten apple spoils the whole **barrel**.

telecom

n. (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet

synonym: communication, telecommunications, telephony

(1) **telecom** industry, (2) **telecom** service providers

The **telecom** company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym: uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed

improvement.

demographic

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

(1) **demographic** analyses, (2) **demographic** policy
Several **demographic** indicators correlate with care admission.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

bulk

n. the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something

synonym: majority, largeness, amount

(1) buy in **bulk**, (2) **bulk** data transfer
I received a parcel of great **bulk**.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women
The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym: knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech
Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

turkey

n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

(1) swell like a **turkey**, (2) **turkey** breast meat
They prepared a stuffed **turkey** for Thanksgiving.

textile

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
synonym: cloth, material, fabric

(1) **textile** production, (2) tissue **textiles**

China's **textile** industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym: strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

autocracy

n. a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society

synonym : dictatorship, tyranny, authoritarianism

(1) fight against **autocracy**, (2) absolute **autocracy**

An **autocracy** with no democratic system in a place ruled the country.

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym : delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

beige

n. a pale sandy yellowish-brown color; a cloth or material of this color

synonym : tan, khaki, sand

(1) **beige** walls, (2) **beige** fabric

The curtains in the bedroom were a beautiful shade of **beige**, which complemented the natural lighting.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym : strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

candidate

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

synonym : applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym : edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym : earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym : integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**
She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym : depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges
Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

correlation

n. a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

synonym : relationship, connection, association

(1) ecological **correlation**, (2) **correlation** coefficient

There is a strong **correlation** between education level and income.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym : importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

corrupt

adj. characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for

personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted;
(verb) to make someone or something morally depraved
or causing it to become dishonest

synonym : dishonest, unethical, immoral

(1) **corrupt** good manners, (2) **corrupt** discipline

The **corrupt** politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

apologist

n. a person who offers a defense or justification of a particular belief, idea, or action; someone who defends or supports a cause or person, often in the face of criticism or opposition

synonym : defender, supporter, advocate

(1) conservative **apologist**, (2) religious **apologist**

Some people see him as an **apologist** for authoritarian regimes.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym : capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

forecast

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

synonym : prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

offense

n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

synonym : crime, violation, insult

(1) minor traffic **offenses**, (2) a first **offense**

Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile **offenses**.

woof

n. the sound that a dog makes; the threads running from side to side in a woven fabric; the texture or quality of

the threads in a woven fabric

synonym : weave, texture, grain

(1) **woof** fabric, (2) **woof** sound

My dog's **woof** woke me up early in the morning.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym : direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

develop

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

detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

threefold

adj. three times as great or as many

synonym: three, triple, three times

(1) rise nearly **threefold**, (2) **threefold** increase

The price of the item was reduced **threefold** after the sale.

pessimistic

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

synonym: cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

download

- v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym: load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

hire

- v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

Session 2: Spelling

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34. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
35. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
36. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
37. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
38. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
39. im_____al palace *adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it
40. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
41. ecological cor_____on *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

ANSWERS: 30. sub-Saharan, 31. threefold, 32. barb, 33. backward, 34. refuse, 35. explode, 36. involve, 37. industrial, 38. rural, 39. imperial, 40. odd, 41. correlation

42. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
43. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
44. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
45. co_____t good manners *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
46. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
47. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
48. a ba____l of beer *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
49. treat the in_____on with antibiotics *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

ANSWERS: 42. sub-Saharan, 43. boom, 44. economical, 45. corrupt, 46. develop, 47. accelerate, 48. barrel, 49. infection

50. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
51. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
52. acquire a vi___e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
53. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
54. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
55. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
56. ha__e the price *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
57. do_____ad files from the Internet *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
58. b__k data transfer *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
59. mi_____le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

ANSWERS: 50. reform, 51. industrial, 52. virtue, 53. continent, 54. slightly, 55. priority, 56. halve, 57. download, 58. bulk, 59. miserable

60. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
61. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
62. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
63. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
64. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
65. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
66. a first of____e *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
67. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
68. co_____t discipline *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
69. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 60. relative, 61. odd, 62. chart, 63. brilliant, 64. inevitable, 65. industrialize, 66. offense, 67. rural, 68. corrupt, 69. finance

70. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
71. private se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
72. te____e production *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
73. traditional S__t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
74. as____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
75. ro____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
76. tissue te____es *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
77. br____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
78. ba__e through the crowded hallway *n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner
79. a pol____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 70. suddenly, 71. sector, 72. textile, 73. scot, 74. assume, 75. roughly, 76. textile, 77. brilliant, 78. barge, 79. politician

80. industrial se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
81. ma_____a mosquitoes *n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
82. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
83. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
84. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
85. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
86. a profit ma___n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
87. vi___e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
88. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
89. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 80. sector, 81. malaria, 82. suddenly, 83. engaging, 84. boom, 85. democracy, 86. margin, 87. virtue, 88. reform, 89. recognize

90. middle of the ju___e *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
91. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
92. rise nearly th_____ld *adj.* three times as great or as many
93. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
94. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
95. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
96. te_____m industry *n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
97. ju___e exploration *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
98. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
99. \$30 a ba___l *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

ANSWERS: 90. jungle, 91. recognize, 92. threefold, 93. corruption, 94. capita, 95. hire, 96. telecom, 97. jungle, 98. trend, 99. barrel

100. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
101. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
102. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
103. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
104. ar___t the thief *v.* to take into custody
105. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
106. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
107. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
108. minor traffic of_____es *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
109. pes_____ic for our survival *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
110. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

ANSWERS: 100. reinforce, 101. candidate, 102. bribe, 103. accelerate, 104. arrest, 105. transform, 106. inevitable, 107. revolution, 108. offense, 109. pessimistic, 110. candidate

111. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on
112. annual re_____e
113. br__e a politician
114. fi_____e act
115. swell like a tu____y
116. the cycle of po_____y
117. principles of de_____cy
118. li_____an retrieval curve
119. an en_____ng smile
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
- v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
- n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
- n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
- adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming

ANSWERS: 111. revolution, 112. revenue, 113. bribe, 114. finance, 115. turkey, 116. poverty, 117. democracy, 118. lifespan, 119. engaging

120. ex____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
121. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
122. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
123. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
124. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
125. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
126. ed____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
127. beg for for____ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
128. cor____on coefficient *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

ANSWERS: 120. explode, 121. elect, 122. chart, 123. assume, 124. negative, 125. economy, 126. educated, 127. forgiveness, 128. correlation

129. be__e walls *n.* a pale sandy yellowish-brown color; a cloth or material of this color
130. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
131. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
132. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
133. li_____an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
134. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
135. the agricultural yield per ca___a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
136. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
137. fr_____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
138. im_____al rule *adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it
139. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
140. religious ap_____st *n.* a person who offers a defense or justification of a particular belief, idea, or action; someone who defends or supports a cause or person, often in the face of criticism or opposition

ANSWERS: 129. beige, 130. invest, 131. elect, 132. economical, 133. lifespan, 134. smartphone, 135. capita, 136. crucial, 137. fragile, 138. imperial, 139. trend, 140. apologist

141. ho____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
142. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
143. ro____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
144. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
145. ed____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
146. many tr____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
147. federal cor____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
148. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
149. increase sl____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
150. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
151. for____ss of liabilities *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
152. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 141. hopeless, 142. backward, 143. roughly, 144. hire, 145. educated, 146. trillion, 147. corruption, 148. graph, 149. slightly, 150. wealth, 151. forgiveness, 152. wealth

153. canal ba__e *n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner
154. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
155. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
156. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
157. tu___a biome *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
158. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
159. a cr____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
160. mi____le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
161. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
162. pay annual s__t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
163. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

ANSWERS: 153. barge, 154. graph, 155. relative, 156. negative, 157. tundra, 158. ignore, 159. crucial, 160. miserable, 161. ancestor, 162. scot, 163. debt

164. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
165. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
166. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
167. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
168. te____m service providers *n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
169. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
170. w__f fabric *n.* the sound that a dog makes; the threads running from side to side in a woven fabric; the texture or quality of the threads in a woven fabric
171. tr____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

ANSWERS: 164. economy, 165. remarkable, 166. develop, 167. government, 168. telecom, 169. poverty, 170. woof, 171. trillion

172. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
173. conservative ap_____st *n.* a person who offers a defense or justification of a particular belief, idea, or action; someone who defends or supports a cause or person, often in the face of criticism or opposition
174. tu___y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
175. a weather fo_____st *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
176. be___e fabric *n.* a pale sandy yellowish-brown color; a cloth or material of this color
177. absolute au_____cy *n.* a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society
178. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
179. the Siberian tu___a *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

ANSWERS: 172. encouraging, 173. apologist, 174. turkey, 175. forecast, 176. beige, 177. autocracy, 178. continent, 179. tundra

180. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
181. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
182. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
183. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
184. the plus p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

ANSWERS: 180. transform, 181. politician, 182. remarkable, 183. barb, 184. pole

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.
n. (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
2. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
3. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside
4. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
5. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
6. There is a strong _____ between education level and income.
n. a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
7. One rotten apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

ANSWERS: 1. telecom, 2. government, 3. rural, 4. poverty, 5. economical, 6. correlation, 7. barrel

8. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

9. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

10. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

11. She felt _____ after her dog passed away.

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

12. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

13. The price of the item was reduced _____ after the sale.

adj. three times as great or as many

14. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

15. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 8. sub-Saharan, 9. exploded, 10. margin, 11. miserable, 12. transformed, 13. threefold, 14. involves, 15. refuse

16. The oil price continued their downward _____.
- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
17. The _____ palace is now undergoing repairs.
- adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it
18. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.
- adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
19. The politician's words were full of _____ designed to hurt his opponent.
- n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
20. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
- n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
21. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
22. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.
- v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
23. They prepared a stuffed _____ for Thanksgiving.
- n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

ANSWERS: 16. trend, 17. imperial, 18. engaging, 19. barbs, 20. sector, 21. Democracy, 22. bribe, 23. turkey

24. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

25. She was unduly _____ about her future.

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

26. Many people in tropical countries die from _____ every year.

n. a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

27. The Arctic _____ is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.

n. a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

28. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.

v. to take into custody

29. China's _____ industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting

30. The captain of the _____ navigated through the narrow canal with ease.

n. a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner

31. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 24. graph, 25. pessimistic, 26. malaria, 27. tundra, 28. arrest, 29. textile, 30. barge, 31. brilliant

32. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
33. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
- v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
34. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
35. I received a parcel of great _____.
- n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
36. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
37. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
- adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
38. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
- adj.* extremely vital or necessary
39. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 32. reform, 33. accelerate, 34. ancestor, 35. bulk, 36. revolution, 37. backward, 38. crucial, 39. recognize

40. An _____ with no democratic system in a place ruled the country.
n. a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society
41. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
42. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.
adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged
43. I need to _____ the recipe to make just enough for two people.
v. to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
44. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
45. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
46. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
47. My dog's _____ woke me up early in the morning.
n. the sound that a dog makes; the threads running from side to side in a woven fabric; the texture or quality of the threads in a woven fabric

ANSWERS: 40. autocracy, 41. revenue, 42. fragile, 43. halve, 44. capita, 45. remarkable, 46. invest, 47. woof

48. He gained debt _____.

- n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

49. This village is still in a dense _____.

- n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

50. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

51. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.

- adj.* having received a high standard of education

52. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.

- n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

53. She had many good _____ and few faults.

- n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

54. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.

- n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

55. The curtains in the bedroom were a beautiful shade of _____ which complemented the natural lighting.

- n.* a pale sandy yellowish-brown color; a cloth or material of this color

56. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.

- adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

ANSWERS: 48. forgiveness, 49. jungle, 50. ignored, 51. educated, 52. forecasts, 53. virtues, 54. continent, 55. beige, 56. hopeless

57. Her _____ is to be a mother.

- n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

58. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.

- n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

59. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

- n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

60. Who answers _____ knows little.

- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

61. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

62. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

- v.* to give somebody a job

63. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

64. The _____ suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

- n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

ANSWERS: 57. priority, 58. corruption, 59. candidate's, 60. suddenly, 61. assumes, 62. hire, 63. smartphones, 64. scot-free

65. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
- v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
66. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
67. The North _____ is the northernmost point on Earth.
- n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
68. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
- adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
69. Some people see him as an _____ for authoritarian regimes.
- n.* a person who offers a defense or justification of a particular belief, idea, or action; someone who defends or supports a cause or person, often in the face of criticism or opposition
70. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
- n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
71. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
- adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable

ANSWERS: 65. industrialize, 66. economy, 67. Pole, 68. encouraging, 69. apologist, 70. boom, 71. inevitable

72. Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial _____.
- n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
73. We should _____ the troops at the front line.
- v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
74. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
75. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
76. He moved his body _____ to the left.
- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
77. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
- n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
78. Several _____ indicators correlate with care admission.
- n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
79. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
- adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 72. infections, 73. reinforce, 74. develop, 75. wealth, 76. slightly, 77. trillion, 78. demographic, 79. negative

80. I need to _____ the latest update for my computer's operating system.

- v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

81. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

- v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

82. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

83. The _____ politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.

- adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

84. His grandfather was an ____ man.

- adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

85. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

- adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

86. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.

- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 80. download, 81. elected, 82. politician, 83. corrupt, 84. odd, 85. relatives, 86. finance

87. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
88. This pie _____ represents our market share.
n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
89. Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile _____.
n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
90. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
91. Generally speaking, men have a shorter _____ than women.
n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
92. He became in _____ after losing his job.
n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

ANSWERS: 87. Industrial, 88. chart, 89. offenses, 90. roughly, 91. lifespan, 92. debt