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Session 1: Word List

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.

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

marvelous

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

synonym: wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power

The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

caiman

n. a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America

synonym : alligator, crocodile, reptile

(1) **caiman** conservation, (2) **caiman** population

The **caiman's** diet mainly consists of fish and small mammals.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

cattle

n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

synonym : cows, herd, oxen

(1) **cattle** barn, (2) **cattle** hide

The **cattle** are on the grassland and grazing.

slaughterhouse

n. a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat

synonym : abattoir, meatpacking plant, butcher shop

(1) **slaughterhouse** operation, (2) **slaughterhouse** facility

The smell of the **slaughterhouse** made him feel sick to his stomach.

urbanize

v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

synonym : develop, modernize, city-build

(1) **urbanize** a region, (2) **urbanize** transportation systems

The government plans to **urbanize** the rural area by building

more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

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.

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.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym: social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

lifelong

adj. lasting for the whole of someone's life

synonym: enduring, eternal, permanent

(1) **lifelong** career, (2) **lifelong** commitment

He had a **lifelong** love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

clandestine

adj. done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed

synonym : secret, hidden, covert

(1) non- **clandestine** expenses, (2) a **clandestine** location

The spy carried out the mission in a **clandestine** manner.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym : creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

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.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

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.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

invasion

n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

synonym : aggression, attack, raid

(1) the Turkish **invasion**, (2) home **invasion**

An **invasion** would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion
The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

migration

n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

synonym: exodus

(1) the **migration** of birds, (2) overseas **migration**
There was a **migration** of impoverished farmers into the towns.

brutality

n. the quality or state of being cruel or savage

synonym: cruelty, ferocity, savagery

(1) military **brutality**, (2) **brutality** against civilians
The protesters were outraged by the police **brutality** they witnessed at the demonstration.

faith

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

synonym: belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government
He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

staphylococcus

n. (also staph) a type of bacteria that can cause various types of infections in humans, including skin infections, pneumonia, and food poisoning

synonym: bacteria, microbe, germ

(1) **staphylococcus** aureus, (2) **staphylococcus** bacteria

The patient was diagnosed with a **staphylococcus** infection.

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**.

sperm

n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

synonym: seed, semen, seminal fluid

(1) man with a low **sperm** count, (2) production of **sperm**

The male **sperm** fertilizes the female egg.

prostate

n. a small gland located near the bladder (= an organ located in the lower abdomen) in males that produces fluid that becomes part of semen

synonym: gland, bladder

(1) **prostate** surgery, (2) enlarged **prostate**

Men over the age of 50 are at a higher risk for **prostate** cancer.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym : disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

coincidence

n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

synonym : co-occurrence, concurrency, accident

(1) the **coincidence** of an opinion, (2) by a strange

coincidence

It was a pure **coincidence** that we met her in the library.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

contradiction

n. the assertion of the opposite of what has been said;
opposition; denial

synonym : inconsistency, opposition, contravention

(1) **contradiction** of capitalism, (2) apparent **contradiction**
His statement was filled with **contradictions** that made it
difficult to take seriously.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme
The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

paradise

n. a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth

synonym : heaven, Eden, utopia

(1) **paradise** island, (2) **paradise** for criminals
Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer
paradise.

engineer

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

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage
The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or
place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or
place

synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language
The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way
they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**
Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

identical

adj. being the exact same one

synonym: duplicate, exact, analogous

(1) pair of **identical** twins, (2) an **identical** equation

Infant formulas are nutritionally almost **identical** to a mother's breast milk.

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.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

terra

n. a Latin word meaning earth or land, often used in scientific or technical contexts to refer to the planet itself or the soil or ground of a particular area

synonym: earth, land, ground

(1) **terra** cotta, (2) **terra** firma

Scientists study the **terra** of other planets to learn more about their formations and compositions.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

bay

n. a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building

synonym: inlet, cove, gulf

(1) **bay** area, (2) the mouth of a **bay**

She walked along the **bay** and collected shells.

deductible

adj. able to be subtracted or taken away, particularly about an amount that is subtracted from an insurance claim or income for tax purposes

synonym: redeemable, subtractible, removable

(1) high **deductible** plan, (2) **deductible** tax

The **deductible** on my insurance policy was higher than I expected.

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.

landscape

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

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

equilibrium

n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

synonym: balance, stability, harmony

(1) **equilibrium** point, (2) political **equilibrium**

The company struggled to maintain an **equilibrium** between its profits and social responsibilities.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym: chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym: apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym : base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym : reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

antique

adj. very old and often valuable; from a bygone era

synonym : old, vintage, retro

(1) **antique** shop, (2) imitation **antique**

She has a collection of **antique** vases that she inherited from her grandparents.

redwood

n. a type of large evergreen tree native to North America that can grow up to 360 feet in height and have a reddish-colored bark and durable wood used for construction and furniture-making

synonym : sequoia

(1) **redwood** forest, (2) old-growth **redwood**

The tall **redwood** trees towered over us as we hiked through the forest.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

essence

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

synonym: core, nature, disposition

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

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

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**

The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly

complicated

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym: earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

humidity

n. the amount of water vapor in the air, typically as a percentage of the maximum that the air could hold at that temperature

synonym: moisture, dampness, wetness

(1) uncomfortable **humidity**, (2) **humidity** sensor

The **humidity** in the tropical forest was so high that it was hard to breathe.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym: possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

humid

adj. having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy

synonym: damp, muggy, moist

(1) **humid** climate, (2) uncomfortably **humid**

The air was so **humid** that my clothes felt damp.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

erosion

n. the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water

synonym: corrosion, weathering, decay

(1) **erosion** control, (2) wind **erosion**

The **erosion** of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym : instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym : isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,

(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

transplant

v. to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another

synonym : relocate, emigrate, graft

(1) **transplant** a heart, (2) **transplant** my family to America

He tried to **transplant** the seedling into a larger pot.

Session 2: Spelling

1. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
2. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
3. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
4. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
5. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
6. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
7. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
8. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
9. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
10. oasis in the de___t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

ANSWERS: 1. incredible, 2. landscape, 3. native, 4. desert, 5. architect, 6. instrument, 7. government, 8. invest, 9. crazy, 10. desert

11. an____e shop *adj.* very old and often valuable; from a bygone era
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16. sla____use operation *n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
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19. re____n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
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ANSWERS: 11. antique, 12. transfer, 13. branch, 14. develop, 15. essence, 16. slaughterhouse, 17. incredible, 18. discuss, 19. retain, 20. transplant

21. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
22. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
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26. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
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28. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
29. hu_____ty sensor *n.* the amount of water vapor in the air, typically as a percentage of the maximum that the air could hold at that temperature
30. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
31. ca___e barn *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

ANSWERS: 21. spot, 22. industrialize, 23. journalist, 24. capture, 25. accident, 26. essential, 27. statistics, 28. statistics, 29. humidity, 30. transform, 31. cattle

32. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
33. li_____ng commitment *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
34. wind er_____n *n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
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41. co_____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

ANSWERS: 32. branch, 33. lifelong, 34. erosion, 35. humidity, 36. clandestine, 37. crazy, 38. spot, 39. staphylococcus, 40. caiman, 41. contrary

42. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
43. old-growth re_____d *n.* a type of large evergreen tree native to North America that can grow up to 360 feet in height and have a reddish-colored bark and durable wood used for construction and furniture-making
44. parched s___l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
45. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
46. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
47. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
48. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
49. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
50. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
51. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

ANSWERS: 42. engineer, 43. redwood, 44. soil, 45. sequester, 46. transform, 47. fin, 48. maintain, 49. complicated, 50. educational, 51. upset

52. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
53. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
54. li_____ng career *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
55. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
56. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
57. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
58. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
59. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
60. sta_____cus bacteria *n.* (also staph) a type of bacteria that can cause various types of infections in humans, including skin infections, pneumonia, and food poisoning
61. the Turkish in_____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
62. pa_____se for criminals *n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth

ANSWERS: 52. native, 53. associate, 54. lifelong, 55. retain, 56. upset, 57. government, 58. modern, 59. maintain, 60. staphylococcus, 61. invasion, 62. paradise

63. ur____ze transportation systems *v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
64. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
65. te__a cotta *n.* a Latin word meaning earth or land, often used in scientific or technical contexts to refer to the planet itself or the soil or ground of a particular area
66. ma_____us power *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
67. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
68. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
69. maintain the pr____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
70. the mouth of a b_y *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
71. the clear co____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
72. ca____n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

ANSWERS: 63. urbanize, 64. institutionalize, 65. terra, 66. marvelous, 67. planet, 68. complicated, 69. pristine, 70. bay, 71. contrary, 72. carbon

73. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
74. ma_____us performance *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
75. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
76. ca___e hide *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
77. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
78. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
79. home in_____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
80. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
81. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
82. apparent con_____ion *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
83. political equ_____um *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
84. uncomfortably hu__d *adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy

ANSWERS: 73. associate, 74. marvelous, 75. construct, 76. cattle, 77. environment, 78. fin, 79. invasion, 80. architect, 81. engineer, 82. contradiction, 83. equilibrium, 84. humid

85. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
86. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
87. ur_____ze a region *v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
88. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
89. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
90. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
91. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
92. de____e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
93. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
94. ca____n population *n.* a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America

ANSWERS: 85. provoke, 86. essential, 87. urbanize, 88. economics, 89. journalist, 90. planet, 91. environment, 92. degree, 93. ecosystem, 94. caiman

95. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
96. lack of ox____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
97. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
98. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
99. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
100. er_____n control *n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
101. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
102. hu__d climate *adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
103. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 95. landscape, 96. oxygen, 97. rebuild, 98. instrument, 99. photograph, 100. erosion, 101. modern, 102. humid, 103. destroy

104. a cla_____ne location *adj.* done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed
105. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
106. b_y area *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
107. treat the in_____on with antibiotics *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
108. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
109. overseas mi_____on *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
110. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
111. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
112. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
113. the hydrogen binds the ox___n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

ANSWERS: 104. clandestine, 105. disappear, 106. bay, 107. infection, 108. stream, 109. migration, 110. ecosystem, 111. rainforest, 112. faith, 113. oxygen

114. an id_____al equation *adj.* being the exact same one
115. man with a low sp__m count *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
116. sla_____use facility *n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
117. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
118. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
119. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
120. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
121. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
122. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
123. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
124. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

ANSWERS: 114. identical, 115. sperm, 116. slaughterhouse, 117. anthropology, 118. destroy, 119. rebuild, 120. transfer, 121. economical, 122. anthropology, 123. sequester, 124. foundation

125. pr____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
126. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
127. pr____te surgery *n.* a small gland located near the bladder (= an organ located in the lower abdomen) in males that produces fluid that becomes part of semen
128. br____ty against civilians *n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage
129. a bacterial in____on *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
130. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
131. pho____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
132. ab____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
133. welfare ec____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

ANSWERS: 125. pristine, 126. invest, 127. prostate, 128. brutality, 129. infection, 130. decision, 131. photograph, 132. abandon, 133. economics

134. the coi_____ce of an opinion *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
135. enlarged pr_____te *n.* a small gland located near the bladder (= an organ located in the lower abdomen) in males that produces fluid that becomes part of semen
136. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
137. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
138. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
139. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
140. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
141. religious fa___h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
142. 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

ANSWERS: 134. coincidence, 135. prostate, 136. nation, 137. foundation, 138. consume, 139. educational, 140. dictator, 141. faith, 142. economy

143. pa____se island *n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
144. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
145. 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
146. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
147. high ded_____le plan *adj.* able to be subtracted or taken away, particularly about an amount that is subtracted from an insurance claim or income for tax purposes
148. equ_____um point *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
149. re_____d forest *n.* a type of large evergreen tree native to North America that can grow up to 360 feet in height and have a reddish-colored bark and durable wood used for construction and furniture-making
150. military br_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage
151. pair of id_____al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
152. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 143. paradise, 144. disappear, 145. economy, 146. soil, 147. deductible, 148. equilibrium, 149. redwood, 150. brutality, 151. identical, 152. institutionalize

153. con_____ion of capitalism *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
154. tra_____nt a heart *v.* to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another
155. te__a firma *n.* a Latin word meaning earth or land, often used in scientific or technical contexts to refer to the planet itself or the soil or ground of a particular area
156. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
157. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
158. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
159. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
160. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
161. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 153. contradiction, 154. transplant, 155. terra, 156. industrialize, 157. degree, 158. discuss, 159. capture, 160. decision, 161. nation

162. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
163. the mi_____on of birds *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
164. 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
165. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
166. ded_____le tax *adj.* able to be subtracted or taken away, particularly about an amount that is subtracted from an insurance claim or income for tax purposes
167. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
168. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
169. imitation an_____e *adj.* very old and often valuable; from a bygone era
170. 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
171. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

ANSWERS: 162. carbon, 163. migration, 164. develop, 165. provoke, 166. deductible, 167. consume, 168. accident, 169. antique, 170. economical, 171. essence

172. ab____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
173. production of sp__m *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
174. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
175. by a strange coi_____ce *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
176. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
177. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
178. military di____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

ANSWERS: 172. abandon, 173. sperm, 174. rainforest, 175. coincidence, 176. construct, 177. stream, 178. dictator

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
2. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
3. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
4. Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer _____.
n. a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
5. 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
6. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
7. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
8. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.
adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

ANSWERS: 1. crazy, 2. fins, 3. accident, 4. paradise, 5. invest, 6. degree, 7. constructs, 8. native

9. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

10. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

11. The view from the top of the mountain was _____.

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

12. 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

13. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

14. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

15. The _____ in the tropical forest was so high that it was hard to breathe.

n. the amount of water vapor in the air, typically as a percentage of the maximum that the air could hold at that temperature

16. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

ANSWERS: 9. disappear, 10. maintain, 11. marvelous, 12. economical, 13. nation, 14. rainforest, 15. humidity, 16. essential

17. The spy carried out the mission in a _____ manner.

adj. done or kept in secret, especially because it is illegal or not allowed

18. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

19. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

20. Scientists study the _____ of other planets to learn more about their formations and compositions.

n. a Latin word meaning earth or land, often used in scientific or technical contexts to refer to the planet itself or the soil or ground of a particular area

21. Computers help people _____ specific memories.

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

22. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

23. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

24. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

ANSWERS: 17. clandestine, 18. sequester, 19. photograph, 20. terra, 21. retain, 22. capture, 23. transferred, 24. economics

25. The smell of the _____ made him feel sick to his stomach.
n. a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
26. The air was so _____ that my clothes felt damp.
adj. having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
27. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
28. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
29. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.
adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
30. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
v. to build again or anew
31. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
32. The castle was _____ several years later.
v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

ANSWERS: 25. slaughterhouse, 26. humid, 27. journalists, 28. engineer, 29. educational, 30. rebuild, 31. landscape, 32. abandoned

33. The tall _____ trees towered over us as we hiked through the forest.
- n.* a type of large evergreen tree native to North America that can grow up to 360 feet in height and have a reddish-colored bark and durable wood used for construction and furniture-making
34. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
- n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
35. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
- v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
36. The _____ diet mainly consists of fish and small mammals.
- n.* a type of predatory reptile that belongs to the crocodylian family which resembles alligators and crocodiles but are smaller in size, typically found in Central and South America
37. He was awfully _____ by the news.
- adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
38. He had a _____ love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.
- adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
39. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
- v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
40. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 33. redwood, 34. instrument, 35. provoked, 36. caiman's, 37. upset, 38. lifelong, 39. associate, 40. anthropology

41. The company struggled to maintain an _____ between its profits and social responsibilities.
n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
42. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
43. The protesters were outraged by the police _____ they witnessed at the demonstration.
n. the quality or state of being cruel or savage
44. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
45. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
46. His statement was filled with _____ that made it difficult to take seriously.
n. the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
47. She has a collection of _____ vases that she inherited from her grandparents.
adj. very old and often valuable; from a bygone era
48. The government plans to _____ the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.
v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

ANSWERS: 41. equilibrium, 42. decision, 43. brutality, 44. essence, 45. consume, 46. contradictions, 47. antique, 48. urbanize

49. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
50. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
- n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
51. He tried to _____ the seedling into a larger pot.
- v.* to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another
52. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
- n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
53. The _____ of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.
- n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
54. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
55. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
- n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

ANSWERS: 49. institutionalize, 50. carbon, 51. transplant, 52. architect, 53. erosion, 54. statistics, 55. Soil

56. The _____ are on the grassland and grazing.
n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
57. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
58. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.
n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
59. The _____ on my insurance policy was higher than I expected.
adj. able to be subtracted or taken away, particularly about an amount that is subtracted from an insurance claim or income for tax purposes
60. An _____ would most probably result in a political catastrophe.
n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
61. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
62. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost _____ to a mother's breast milk.
adj. being the exact same one
63. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 56. cattle, 57. streams, 58. oxygen, 59. deductible, 60. invasion, 61. ecosystem, 62. identical, 63. modern

64. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
65. He kept his robust _____ in his company.
- n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
66. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ infection.
- n.* (also staph) a type of bacteria that can cause various types of infections in humans, including skin infections, pneumonia, and food poisoning
67. Men over the age of 50 are at a higher risk for _____ cancer.
- n.* a small gland located near the bladder (= an organ located in the lower abdomen) in males that produces fluid that becomes part of semen
68. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
69. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
- adj.* unbelievable; enormous
70. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
71. The male _____ fertilizes the female egg.
- n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

ANSWERS: 64. dictator, 65. faith, 66. staphylococcus, 67. prostate, 68. spot, 69. incredible, 70. transformed, 71. sperm

72. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
73. 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
74. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.
- adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination
75. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
- n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
76. Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial _____.
- n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
77. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
78. 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

ANSWERS: 72. discuss, 73. develop, 74. pristine, 75. foundation, 76. infections, 77. planet, 78. economy

79. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
80. There was a _____ of impoverished farmers into the towns.
n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
81. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
82. 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
83. It was a pure _____ that we met her in the library.
n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
84. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
85. She walked along the ____ and collected shells.
n. a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
86. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.
n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

ANSWERS: 79. destroyed, 80. migration, 81. environment, 82. government, 83. coincidence, 84. complicated, 85. bay, 86. contrary

87. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

88. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.

- v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

89. This region is predominantly _____.

- n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

ANSWERS: 87. branch, 88. industrialize, 89. desert