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Session 1: Word List

medicinal

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

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

farmland

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

synonym : agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

venom

n. a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

synonym : poison, toxin, hating

(1) the **venom** of a lizard, (2) injected **venom**
The snake's **venom** is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym: remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging
Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

riddle

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

synonym: mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**
The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym: destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family
The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

stipend

n. a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee

synonym: allowance, grant, scholarship

(1) full-time **stipend**, (2) **stipend** amount
As a graduate student, I receive a monthly **stipend** to cover my living expenses.

dorm

n. a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus

synonym: residence hall, hostel, boarding house

(1) **dorm** room, (2) university **dorm**

Living in a **dorm** can be a great way to meet new people when you're in college.

refurbish

v. to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance

synonym: renovate, revamp, remodel

(1) **refurbish** a room, (2) **refurbish** a classic car

I plan to **refurbish** my old dresser with a fresh coat of paint and new drawer handles.

caucus

n. a private meeting of a political group or party to discuss policies, tactics, and strategy; a closed meeting or assembly of people with shared interests or goals, often to make decisions or coordinate actions

synonym: meeting, conference, assembly

(1) statewide **caucus**, (2) Democratic **caucus**

The politicians met privately in a **caucus** to discuss their party's platform.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym: moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

precede

v. to happen or go before something or someone in time or space

synonym : lead, forego, antecede

(1) men often **precede** women when walking, (2) **precede** any discussion

Agricultural development generally **precedes** economic growth.

audacity

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

synonym : boldness, daring, temerity

(1) **audacity** of hope, (2) act of **audacity**

His **audacity** in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

Creole

n. a person of mixed European and African descent, especially in the Caribbean; a language that has developed from a mixture of different parent languages, often with European and African influences

(1) **Creole** dialect, (2) Mauritian **Creole**

The restaurant serves authentic **Creole** cuisine from Louisiana.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

evangelical

adj. relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church

synonym : proselytizing, evangelistic, missionary

(1) **evangelical** mission, (2) **evangelical** Christian group

The **evangelical** pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

shanty

n. a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure

synonym: shack, hut, cabin

(1) **shanty-style** lodging, (2) makeshift **shanty**

The beach **shanty** provided temporary shelter for the stranded tourists.

lancet

n. a sharp, pointed surgical instrument used for making incisions or punctures, typically in medical procedures

synonym: scalpel, blade, surgical instrument

(1) **lancet** device, (2) surgical **lancet**

The doctor used a **lancet** for a small incision on the patient's skin.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

ivory

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym: elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

cripple

v. to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine

synonym : disable, impair, paralyze

(1) **cripple** economy, (2) **cripple** opposition

The injury was severe enough to **cripple** the athlete's chances of playing again this season.

humility

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

synonym : humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

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

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

midwife

n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

synonym : obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse

(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

shaman

n. a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions

synonym : medicine man, healer, spiritual leader

(1) **shaman's** wisdom, (2) the tribe's **shaman**

The village **shaman** performed a healing ritual for the ailing elder.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

inkling

n. a slight or vague understanding or idea of something; a hint or intimation of something, often something that is not fully understood or realized

synonym : hint, suggestion, clue

(1) first **inkling**, (2) **inkling** of hope

The news gave us an **inkling** of what was going on in the world.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

rubble

n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

synonym : debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

cholera

n. a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and

dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes

synonym : infectious disease, epidemic, plague

(1) **cholera** toxin, (2) **cholera** epidemic

The outbreak of **cholera** was a major health crisis in the 19th century.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym : grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

decamp

v. to suddenly leave a place, especially a temporary residence or a location where one has been staying for a period of time; to depart hastily or secretly

synonym : flee, escape, abscond

(1) **decamp** to the countryside, (2) **decamp** for safety

Due to the unexpected weather conditions, the hikers decided to **decamp** from the campsite.

accredit

v. to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause

synonym : authorize, endorse, validate

(1) **accredit** certification organizations, (2) **accredit** a course

The university will **accredit** the new college if it meets its standards.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym : invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

dissatisfy

v. to fail to satisfy someone

synonym : disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym : lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

mettle

n. a person's ability to cope with difficult situations or face adversity with courage, resilience, and determination; one's character or temperament

synonym : courage, spirit, fortitude

(1) demonstrate your **mettle**, (2) **mettle** for challenges

Despite her injury, the athlete's true **mettle** was revealed when she won the gold medal.

pediatrics

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym : pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym : eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

mule

n. a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build

synonym: donkey, burro, hinny

(1) load the **mule**, (2) **mule** caravans

The stubborn **mule** refused to move until it was rewarded with a carrot.

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. de___p to the countryside | <i>v.</i> to suddenly leave a place, especially a temporary residence or a location where one has been staying for a period of time; to depart hastily or secretly |
| 2. en_____ze the body | <i>v.</i> to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate |
| 3. ease her hea_____ak | <i>n.</i> a feeling of great sadness or disappointment |
| 4. in a fl___t tone | <i>adj.</i> able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily |
| 5. ac_____it certification organizations | <i>v.</i> to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause |
| 6. act of au_____ty | <i>n.</i> boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless |
| 7. b__y emotion | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 8. up___d the law | <i>v.</i> to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc. |
| 9. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |

ANSWERS: 1. decamp, 2. energize, 3. heartbreak, 4. fluent, 5. accredit, 6. audacity, 7. bury, 8. uphold, 9. opportune

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| 10. pr____e any discussion | v. | to happen or go before something or someone in time or space |
| 11. education pol____er | n. | a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc. |
| 12. tower of iv__y | n. | a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items |
| 13. fa____nd acreage | n. | land used for farming or agricultural purposes |
| 14. d__y gravity | v. | to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc. |
| 15. s__w social values | v. | to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc. |
| 16. fertile fa____nd | n. | land used for farming or agricultural purposes |
| 17. d__m room | n. | a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus |
| 18. el____fy the audience | v. | to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 19. d__y authority | v. | to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc. |

ANSWERS: 10. precede, 11. policymaker, 12. ivory, 13. farmland, 14. defy, 15. skew, 16. farmland, 17. dorm, 18. electrify, 19. defy

20. lack of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
21. the an____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
22. load the m__e *n.* a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build
23. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
24. sh____n's wisdom *n.* a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions
25. st____d amount *n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee
26. injected ve__m *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
27. solve the ri____e *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

ANSWERS: 20. humility, 21. antidote, 22. mule, 23. Christ, 24. shaman, 25. stipend, 26. venom, 27. riddle

28. eva_____al mission *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
29. re_____sh a classic car *v.* to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
30. first in_____g *n.* a slight or vague understanding or idea of something; a hint or intimation of something, often something that is not fully understood or realized
31. m__e caravans *n.* a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build
32. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
33. surgical la____t *n.* a sharp, pointed surgical instrument used for making incisions or punctures, typically in medical procedures
34. ch_____a epidemic *n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes
35. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 28. evangelical, 29. refurbish, 30. inkling, 31. mule, 32. Christ, 33. lancet, 34. cholera, 35. medicinal

36. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
37. in_____g of hope *n.* a slight or vague understanding or idea of something; a hint or intimation of something, often something that is not fully understood or realized
38. fl____t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
39. ped_____cs department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
40. cr_____e opposition *v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
41. eva_____al Christian group *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
42. moral et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
43. dis_____fy the users with bugs *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
44. the tribe's sh____n *n.* a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions

ANSWERS: 36. electrify, 37. inkling, 38. fluent, 39. pediatrics, 40. cripple, 41. evangelical, 42. ethic, 43. dissatisfy, 44. shaman

45. ca__e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
46. de___p for safety *v.* to suddenly leave a place, especially a temporary residence or a location where one has been staying for a period of time; to depart hastily or secretly
47. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
48. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
49. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
50. ch_____a toxin *n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes
51. ru___e-strewn road *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
52. full-time st_____d *n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee

ANSWERS: 45. canoe, 46. decamp, 47. opportune, 48. heartbreak, 49. medicinal, 50. cholera, 51. rubble, 52. stipend

53. the an____te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
54. me___e for challenges *n.* a person's ability to cope with difficult situations or face adversity with courage, resilience, and determination; one's character or temperament
55. university d__m *n.* a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus
56. demonstrate your me____e *n.* a person's ability to cope with difficult situations or face adversity with courage, resilience, and determination; one's character or temperament
57. dis_____fy people with service *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
58. clear away ru___e *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
59. the di_____ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
60. Democratic ca____s *n.* a private meeting of a political group or party to discuss policies, tactics, and strategy; a closed meeting or assembly of people with shared interests or goals, often to make decisions or coordinate actions

ANSWERS: 53. antidote, 54. mettle, 55. dorm, 56. mettle, 57. dissatisfy, 58. rubble, 59. disparity, 60. caucus

61. re_____sh a room *v.* to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
62. sh____y-style lodging *n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
63. ac_____it a course *v.* to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause
64. cr_____e economy *v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
65. imp_____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
66. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
67. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
68. develop an attitude of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
69. Mauritian Cr_____e *n.* a person of mixed European and African descent, especially in the Caribbean; a language that has developed from a mixture of different parent languages, often with European and African influences

ANSWERS: 61. refurbish, 62. shanty, 63. accredit, 64. cripple, 65. impoverished, 66. impoverished, 67. dedicate, 68. humility, 69. Creole

70. ped_____cs clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
71. the ve__m of a lizard *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
72. serve as mi_____e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
73. up___d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
74. iv__y carving *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
75. au_____us stunt *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
76. men often pr_____e women when walking *v.* to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
77. Cr___e dialect *n.* a person of mixed European and African descent, especially in the Caribbean; a language that has developed from a mixture of different parent languages, often with European and African influences
78. makeshift sh___y *n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure

ANSWERS: 70. pediatrics, 71. venom, 72. midwife, 73. uphold, 74. ivory, 75. audacious, 76. precede, 77. Creole, 78. shanty

79. en____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
80. de____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
81. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
82. la____t device *n.* a sharp, pointed surgical instrument used for making incisions or punctures, typically in medical procedures
83. ri____e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
84. professional mi____e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
85. regional pol____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
86. statewide ca____s *n.* a private meeting of a political group or party to discuss policies, tactics, and strategy; a closed meeting or assembly of people with shared interests or goals, often to make decisions or coordinate actions
87. income di____ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

ANSWERS: 79. energize, 80. dedicate, 81. canoe, 82. lancet, 83. riddle, 84. midwife, 85. policymaker, 86. caucus, 87. disparity

88. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
89. au_____ty of hope *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
90. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
91. s__w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
92. professional et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

ANSWERS: 88. audacious, 89. audacity, 90. bury, 91. skew, 92. ethic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.
n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
2. The beach _____ provided temporary shelter for the stranded tourists.
n. a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
3. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
4. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of _____.
n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
5. The snake's _____ is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.
n. a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
6. The _____ villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.
adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
7. The _____ remains mysterious to us.
n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

ANSWERS: 1. antidote, 2. shanty, 3. medicinal, 4. rubble, 5. venom, 6. impoverished, 7. riddle

8. The doctor used a _____ for a small incision on the patient's skin.
- n.* a sharp, pointed surgical instrument used for making incisions or punctures, typically in medical procedures
9. As a graduate student, I receive a monthly _____ to cover my living expenses.
- n.* a fixed sum of money paid regularly, often as a salary or allowance, to support a particular activity or role, such as a student or trainee
10. Having a strong work _____ is important for success in any field.
- n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
11. There is a significant _____ in pay between men and women in the company.
- n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
12. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
13. Due to the unexpected weather conditions, the hikers decided to _____ from the campsite.
- v.* to suddenly leave a place, especially a temporary residence or a location where one has been staying for a period of time; to depart hastily or secretly
14. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their _____ to increase food production.
- n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes

ANSWERS: 8. lancet, 9. stipend, 10. ethic, 11. disparity, 12. Christmas, 13. decamp, 14. farmland

15. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.
- v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
16. Agricultural development generally _____ economic growth.
- v. to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
17. After the accident, the police found an empty _____.
- n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
18. The university will _____ the new college if it meets its standards.
- v. to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause
19. The intricate carvings on the _____ tusk were a work of art.
- n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
20. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.
- n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
21. He _____ his life to helping others.
- v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
22. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
- n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

ANSWERS: 15. uphold, 16. precedes, 17. canoe, 18. accredit, 19. ivory, 20. humility, 21. dedicated, 22. Policymakers

23. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.
adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
24. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
25. His _____ in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.
n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
26. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
27. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
28. I plan to _____ my old dresser with a fresh coat of paint and new drawer handles.
v. to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
29. Despite her injury, the athlete's true _____ was revealed when she won the gold medal.
n. a person's ability to cope with difficult situations or face adversity with courage, resilience, and determination; one's character or temperament
30. The stubborn _____ refused to move until it was rewarded with a carrot.
n. a domesticated animal used for riding, carrying loads, and farm work, characterized by its long ears, short mane, and sturdy build

ANSWERS: 23. fluent, 24. bury, 25. audacity, 26. heartbreak, 27. opportune, 28. refurbish, 29. mettle, 30. mule

31. The politicians met privately in a _____ to discuss their party's platform.
n. a private meeting of a political group or party to discuss policies, tactics, and strategy; a closed meeting or assembly of people with shared interests or goals, often to make decisions or coordinate actions
32. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.
adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
33. The clinical _____ assisted with the delivery of the baby.
n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
34. The outbreak of _____ was a major health crisis in the 19th century.
n. a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes
35. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
36. I am studying _____ in medical school because I love working with children.
n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
37. The village _____ performed a healing ritual for the ailing elder.
n. a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions

ANSWERS: 31. caucus, 32. audacious, 33. midwife, 34. cholera, 35. defy, 36. pediatrics, 37. shaman

38. The news gave us an _____ of what was going on in the world.
- n.* a slight or vague understanding or idea of something; a hint or intimation of something, often something that is not fully understood or realized
39. The restaurant serves authentic _____ cuisine from Louisiana.
- n.* a person of mixed European and African descent, especially in the Caribbean; a language that has developed from a mixture of different parent languages, often with European and African influences
40. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
41. The injury was severe enough to _____ the athlete's chances of playing again this season.
- v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
42. The company's results _____ everyone.
- v.* to fail to satisfy someone
43. The results of the poll are _____ because it only surveyed a small group of people.
- v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
44. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.
- v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

ANSWERS: 38. inkling, 39. Creole, 40. electrify, 41. cripple, 42. dissatisfy, 43. skewed, 44. energized

45. The _____ pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

adj. relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church

46. Living in a _____ can be a great way to meet new people when you're in college.

n. a residence hall or building that provides living quarters for students or other occupants, typically on a college or university campus

ANSWERS: 45. evangelical, 46. dorm