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Session 1: Word List

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

modernize

v. to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

synonym: develop, update, upgrade

(1) **modernize** infrastructure, (2) **modernize** agriculture

The company plans to **modernize** its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.

modernity

n. the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

synonym: contemporaneousness, present-day, contemporaneity

(1) spirit of **modernity**, (2) path toward **modernity**

He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's **modernity**.

dynasty

n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**
During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

ancestral

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

synonym: hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

pluralistic

n. a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements

synonym: diverse, multicultural, inclusive

(1) **pluralistic** society, (2) **pluralistic** democracy

The city is known for its **pluralistic** culture, with people from different ethnicities and backgrounds living together.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

prosaic

adj. lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry

synonym: mundane, ordinary, dull

(1) **prosaic** language, (2) **prosaic** approach

The book's **prosaic** writing style left me uninterested despite the dramatic premise.

handover

n. the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another

synonym: transfer, delivery, surrender

(1) **handover** ceremony, (2) smooth **handover**

The **handover** of power from the outgoing president to the newly elected one was a smooth process.

wager

n. a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation

synonym: bet, stake, gamble

(1) friendly **wager**, (2) make a **wager**

I placed a **wager** with my friend who would win the basketball game.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

multiracial

adj. consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds

synonym: multiethnic, mixed, diverse

(1) **multiracial** society, (2) **multiracial** family

The **multiracial** community brought together people from different cultures and backgrounds.

conquest

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

synonym: subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**
He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym: absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language
The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents
Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer
His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

legitimacy

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

synonym: legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**
I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

intruder

n. someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something

synonym : trespasser, intruder, interloper

(1) illegal **intruder**, (2) infrared **intruder** system

The homeowner called the police when they spotted an **intruder** in their backyard.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

patriarch

n. a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

synonym : father, elder, leader

(1) **Patriarch** of Constantinople, (2) **patriarch** of a religion

The family **patriarch** was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym : universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

patronage

n. the support or encouragement of a person or group, especially in the form of sponsorship or financial aid; the power or privilege of making appointments or bestowing

favours, typically by a patron or patroness

synonym: sponsorship, backing, support

(1) political **patronage**, (2) corporate **patronage**

The politician relied on the **patronage** of wealthy donors to fund their campaigns.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

statecraft

n. the skill or practice of conducting government affairs; the art of diplomacy or political management

synonym: diplomacy, governance, politics

(1) **statecraft** diplomacy, (2) shrewd **statecraft**

Leadership in international relations requires skill in the art of **statecraft**.

unerringly

adv. without making mistakes or errors; in a manner that is precise, accurate, or reliable

synonym: accurately, precisely, flawlessly

(1) drive **unerringly**, (2) navigate **unerringly**

Her navigational skills were impressive as she **unerringly** led her group through the dense forest.

arrogant

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

synonym: haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

cosmopolitan

adj. having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries

synonym : worldly, multicultural, urbane

(1) **cosmopolitan** city, (2) **cosmopolitan** lifestyle

The city was known for its **cosmopolitan** culture and diverse population.

parochial

adj. related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

synonym : narrow-minded, insular, provincial

(1) **parochial** views, (2) **parochial** community

The **parochial** attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.

germane

adj. relevant or appropriate to a particular subject or matter; closely connected or related

synonym : relevant, pertinent, applicable

(1) **germane** information, (2) **germane** point

His comment was not **germane** to the discussion at hand.

usurp

v. to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force

synonym : seize, preempt, annex

(1) **usurp** power, (2) attempt to **usurp** the throne

The competitor tried to **usurp** the reigning champion's title.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

conversant

adj. knowledgeable or familiar with a particular topic or discipline; able to engage in or carry on a conversation about a specific subject

synonym : knowledgeable, familiar, versed

(1) **conversant** in French, (2) **conversant** with the subject matter

Being **conversant** in multiple languages can open up a world of opportunities.

sleepwalk

v. to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep

synonym : walk in one's sleep, somnambulate, noctambulate

(1) **sleepwalk** through life, (2) **sleepwalk** at night

My sister used to **sleepwalk** as a child, but she eventually outgrew it.

oblivion

n. the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

synonym : limbo, forgetfulness, unawareness

(1) vanish into **oblivion**, (2) drunken **oblivion**

The author's work was forgotten and fell into **oblivion** after his death.

exaggeration

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

synonym : hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

alas

adv. (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing

synonym : alack, regrettably, unluckily

(1) **alas**, we did not win the game, (2) **alas**, I cannot attend

the party

Alas, I realized I had left my keys at home and couldn't enter the building.

Confucian

adj. relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers

synonym: Confucianist, Confucianism

(1) **Confucian** rites, (2) **Confucian** ethics

Confucian values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.

humanist

n. a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles

synonym: humanitarian, philanthropist, altruist

(1) **humanist** scholar, (2) **humanist** philosophy

The **humanist** counselor encouraged her clients to focus on their growth and well-being.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. nu_____e love
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
2. Pa_____ch of Constantinople
n. a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
3. political pa_____ge
n. the support or encouragement of a person or group, especially in the form of sponsorship or financial aid; the power or privilege of making appointments or bestowing favors, typically by a patron or patroness
4. make a wa__r
n. a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation
5. 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
6. sl_____lk at night
v. to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep
7. ge_____e point
adj. relevant or appropriate to a particular subject or matter; closely connected or related

ANSWERS: 1. nurture, 2. patriarch, 3. patronage, 4. wager, 5. Christ, 6. sleepwalk, 7. germane

8. se____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
9. challenge the leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
10. sl_____lk through life *v.* to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep
11. the blue-blooded ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
12. attempt to us__p the throne *v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force
13. pr_____c approach *adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
14. mul_____al family *adj.* consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds
15. ha_____er ceremony *n.* the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another
16. infrared in_____er system *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something

ANSWERS: 8. secondly, 9. legitimacy, 10. sleepwalk, 11. aristocracy, 12. usurp, 13. prosaic, 14. multiracial, 15. handover, 16. intruder

17. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
18. during the Ming dy_____y *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
19. vanish into ob_____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
20. plu_____ic democracy *n.* a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements
21. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
22. an an_____al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
23. ge_____e information *adj.* relevant or appropriate to a particular subject or matter; closely connected or related
24. smooth ha_____er *n.* the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another
25. grow ar_____nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
26. friendly wa____r *n.* a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation
27. an ar_____nt attitude *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

ANSWERS: 17. disrespect, 18. dynasty, 19. oblivion, 20. pluralistic, 21. ubiquitous, 22. ancestral, 23. germane, 24. handover, 25. arrogant, 26. wager, 27. arrogant

28. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
29. plu_____ic society *n.* a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements
30. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
31. sensational exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
32. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
33. a__s, we did not win the game *adv.* (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing
34. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
35. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
36. pr_____c language *adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry

ANSWERS: 28. constrain, 29. pluralistic, 30. germ, 31. exaggeration, 32. blacksmith, 33. alas, 34. confer, 35. nurture, 36. prosaic

37. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
38. Co_____an ethics *adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
39. drunken ob_____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
40. Co_____an rites *adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
41. corporate pa_____ge *n.* the support or encouragement of a person or group, especially in the form of sponsorship or financial aid; the power or privilege of making appointments or bestowing favors, typically by a patron or patroness
42. hu_____st philosophy *n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
43. ass_____te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
44. imperial co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

ANSWERS: 37. germ, 38. Confucian, 39. oblivion, 40. Confucian, 41. patronage, 42. humanist, 43. assimilate, 44. conquest

45. cos_____tan city *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
46. a__s, I cannot attend the party *adv.* (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing
47. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
48. drive une_____ly *adv.* without making mistakes or errors; in a manner that is precise, accurate, or reliable
49. pa_____al community *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
50. make a co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
51. pa_____ch of a religion *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
52. con_____nt with the subject matter *adj.* knowledgeable or familiar with a particular topic or discipline; able to engage in or carry on a conversation about a specific subject

ANSWERS: 45. cosmopolitan, 46. alas, 47. blacksmith, 48. unerringly, 49. parochial, 50. conquest, 51. patriarch, 52. conversant

53. mul_____al society *adj.* consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds
54. dec_____ize authority *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
55. illegal in_____er *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
56. an_____al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
57. mo_____ze infrastructure *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
58. path toward mo_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
59. us__p power *v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force
60. 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
61. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 53. multiracial, 54. decentralize, 55. intruder, 56. ancestral, 57. modernize, 58. modernity, 59. usurp, 60. Christ, 61. confer

62. dec_____ize organizational structure
v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
63. se_____ly connected
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
64. ubi_____us computing
adj. being or existing everywhere at once
65. mo_____er, she decided to go
adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
66. shrewd sta_____ft
n. the skill or practice of conducting government affairs; the art of diplomacy or political management
67. a few years af_____rd
adv. after the time mentioned
68. pa_____al views
adj. related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
69. ass_____te a language
v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
70. member of the ari_____cy
n. a group of persons with high social status
71. minimal exa_____ion
n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

ANSWERS: 62. decentralize, 63. secondly, 64. ubiquitous, 65. moreover, 66. statecraft, 67. afterward, 68. parochial, 69. assimilate, 70. aristocracy, 71. exaggeration

72. hu_____st scholar *n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
73. cos_____tan lifestyle *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
74. democratic leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
75. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
76. spirit of mo_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
77. con_____nt in French *adj.* knowledgeable or familiar with a particular topic or discipline; able to engage in or carry on a conversation about a specific subject
78. mo_____ze agriculture *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
79. navigate une_____ly *adv.* without making mistakes or errors; in a manner that is precise, accurate, or reliable

ANSWERS: 72. humanist, 73. cosmopolitan, 74. legitimacy, 75. disrespect, 76. modernity, 77. conversant, 78. modernize, 79. unerringly

80. dy____y of China *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
81. but mo____er, they work well together *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
82. go there af____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
83. sta____ft diplomacy *n.* the skill or practice of conducting government affairs; the art of diplomacy or political management
84. co____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

ANSWERS: 80. dynasty, 81. moreover, 82. afterward, 83. statecraft, 84. constrain

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We need to _____ our data to recover quickly from a disaster.
v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
2. He was so _____ that he thought he was always right.
adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
3. The author's work was forgotten and fell into _____ after his death.
n. the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
4. The company is environmentally conscious, and _____ it uses sustainable materials in its products.
adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
5. The _____ counselor encouraged her clients to focus on their growth and well-being.
n. a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
6. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
7. Despite his popularity among the _____ he was unpopular with the general public.
n. a group of persons with high social status

ANSWERS: 1. decentralize, 2. arrogant, 3. oblivion, 4. moreover, 5. humanist, 6. confer, 7. aristocracy,

8. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
- v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
9. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
- adv.* after the time mentioned
10. He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's _____.
- n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
11. The company plans to _____ its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.
- v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
12. He continued to grow his empire through _____.
- n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
13. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
- n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
14. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
- v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
15. The _____ attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.
- adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

ANSWERS: 8. nurture, 9. afterward, 10. modernity, 11. modernize, 12. conquest, 13. disrespectful, 14. constrained, 15. parochial

16. My sister used to _____ as a child, but she eventually outgrew it.
v. to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep
17. The city was known for its _____ culture and diverse population.
adj. having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
18. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
19. His comment was not _____ to the discussion at hand.
adj. relevant or appropriate to a particular subject or matter; closely connected or related
20. Sugar is _____ in food.
adj. being or existing everywhere at once
21. The _____ community brought together people from different cultures and backgrounds.
adj. consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds
22. The competitor tried to _____ the reigning champion's title.
v. to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force
23. The _____ of power from the outgoing president to the newly elected one was a smooth process.
n. the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another

ANSWERS: 16. sleepwalk, 17. cosmopolitan, 18. secondly, 19. germane, 20. ubiquitous, 21. multiracial, 22. usurp, 23. handover

24. _____ I realized I had left my keys at home and couldn't enter the building.
adv. (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing
25. The immigrant struggled to _____ into the new culture.
v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
26. The homeowner called the police when they spotted an _____ in their backyard.
n. someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
27. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
28. The family _____ was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.
n. a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
29. _____ 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
30. Leadership in international relations requires skill in the art of _____.
n. the skill or practice of conducting government affairs; the art of diplomacy or political management
31. I'm going to deny the _____ of his claim.
n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

ANSWERS: 24. Alas, 25. assimilate, 26. intruder, 27. germ, 28. patriarch, 29. Christmas, 30. statecraft, 31. legitimacy

32. The politician relied on the _____ of wealthy donors to fund their campaigns.
- n.* the support or encouragement of a person or group, especially in the form of sponsorship or financial aid; the power or privilege of making appointments or bestowing favors, typically by a patron or patroness
33. _____ values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.
- adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
34. The city is known for its _____ culture, with people from different ethnicities and backgrounds living together.
- n.* a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements
35. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
- n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
36. Her navigational skills were impressive as she _____ led her group through the dense forest.
- adv.* without making mistakes or errors; in a manner that is precise, accurate, or reliable
37. The _____ home has been in the family for generations.
- adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
38. I placed a _____ with my friend who would win the basketball game.
- n.* a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation

ANSWERS: 32. patronage, 33. Confucian, 34. pluralistic, 35. blacksmith, 36. unerringly, 37. ancestral, 38. wager

39. Being _____ in multiple languages can open up a world of opportunities.
adj. knowledgeable or familiar with a particular topic or discipline; able to engage in or carry on a conversation about a specific subject
40. The book's _____ writing style left me uninterested despite the dramatic premise.
adj. lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
41. His story was filled with obvious _____.
n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
42. During the Habsburg _____ colonization began.
n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

ANSWERS: 39. conversant, 40. prosaic, 41. exaggerations, 42. dynasty,