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Session 1: Word List

extremism

n. the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable

synonym : fanaticism, radicalism, zealotry

(1) violent **extremism**, (2) political **extremism**

The rise of far-right **extremism** has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.

uprising

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

synonym : revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

indulge

v. to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

synonym : pamper, gratify, entertain

(1) **indulge** in debauchery, (2) **indulge** children

She **indulged** in a warm bath after a long day at work.

allegiance

n. loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty

synonym : loyalty, devotion, faithfulness

(1) loyal **allegiance**, (2) show **allegiance**

The soldiers pledged their **allegiance** to their country.

dub

v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

synonym : name, designate, nickname

(1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data

We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.

transnational

adj. relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

synonym : international, global, cross-border

(1) **transnational** migration, (2) **transnational** crime

The company operates as a **transnational** corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym : bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym : radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to

push its agenda.

fascist

adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

synonym : authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

propagate

v. to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction

synonym : propagate, multiply, reproduce

(1) **propagate** a rumor, (2) **propagate** plants

The company is working hard to **propagate** their brand message to as many people as possible

lad

n. a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way

synonym : boy, youth, youngster

(1) working-class **lad**, (2) local **lad**

The older man gave the young **lad** some helpful life advice.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym : condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

blacklist

n. a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities

synonym: ban, exclusion, proscription

(1) banking **blacklist**, (2) personal **blacklist**

The software uses a robust **blacklist** to prevent access to malicious websites and protect users from online threats.

overthrow

v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

synonym: defeat, destroy, conquer

(1) **overthrow** the government, (2) **overthrow** the theory

The group aims to **overthrow** the military regime.

yesteryear

n. the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated

synonym: past, yesterday, bygone days

(1) **yesteryear** fashion, (2) **yesteryear** nostalgia

My grandparents love reminiscing about their favorite movies from **yesteryear**.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym: restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb)

to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym : derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

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.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

minaret

n. a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer

synonym : tower, belfry

(1) **minaret** tower, (2) **minaret** call

The **minaret** of the mosque soared high above the city.

headscarf

n. a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons

synonym: hijab, shawl, veil

(1) traditional **headscarf**, (2) **headscarf** cloth

Some women choose to wear a **headscarf** as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.

kosher

adj. conforming to Jewish dietary laws; conforming to proper or ethical standards; legitimate, lawful, or acceptable

synonym: legitimate, allowable, permissible

(1) **kosher** supermarket, (2) **kosher** deli

The synagogue offers a list of certified **kosher** products that members can refer to when grocery shopping.

halal

adj. denoting or relating to food or another item that is permissible to consume or use according to Islamic law

synonym: permissible, lawful, legal

(1) **halal** certification, (2) **halal** option

The restaurant only serves **halal** food in compliance with Islamic laws.

aspirant

adj. desiring or aspiring to achieve something; ambitious or eager to attain a goal, position, or status

synonym: wishful, hopeful, ambitious

(1) **aspirant** politician, (2) career **aspirant**

The **aspirant** actor attended auditions and acting classes to pursue her dream of being on stage.

xenophobic

adj. showing strong dislike or fear of people from other countries or cultures; having a strong bias or prejudice against outsiders

synonym: prejudiced, racist, intolerant

(1) **xenophobic** attitude, (2) **xenophobic** statements

The **xenophobic** rhetoric of the politician only seeks to sow division and hatred among people.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

incidentally

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

synonym : by chance, by accident, inadvertently

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

Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

assassination

n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

synonym : murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym : aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

complacency

n. a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems

synonym : self-satisfaction, smugness, satisfaction

(1) dangerous **complacency**, (2) avoid **complacency**

The team's **complacency** led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.

hesitation

n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

synonym : unwillingness, indecision, uncertainty

(1) perform without **hesitation**, (2) after some **hesitation**
There was a **hesitation** in her speech.

espouse

v. to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause;
to take up or support; to marry

synonym: adopt, support, embrace

(1) **espouse** a cause, (2) **espouse** an idea

She **espoused** the philosophy of non-violence.

relegate

v. to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status
or place; to demote

synonym: demote, assign, transfer

(1) **relegate** a matter to another authority, (2) **relegate** task

The underperforming team was **relegated** to a lower division.

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**.

theocracy

n. a form of government in which religious leaders or
institutions hold the ultimate authority and religious laws
are the basis of governance

synonym: ecclesiocracy, priest-dominated state

(1) Christian **theocracy**, (2) modern **theocracy**

The **theocracy** debate has taken center stage in many
academic circles due to the rise of religious movements
worldwide.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence
or formidable military, economic, or technological
strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of
extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human
capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

preconceived

adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

(1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions

We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.

anecdotal

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

synonym: hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

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.

conservatism

n. a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense

synonym: traditionalism, preservation

(1) fiscal **conservatism**, (2) **conservatism** party

Conservatism in politics tends to prioritize traditional values and limited government intervention.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

catharsis

n. a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

synonym : cleansing, purification, purging

(1) **catharsis** of grief, (2) spiritual **catharsis**

Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of **catharsis**, helping to relieve stress and anxiety.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

rebrand

v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

synonym : reintroduce, relaunch, reintegrate

(1) **rebrand** product, (2) **rebrand** company

The clothing brand decided to **rebrand** its image to attract a younger audience.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pre_____ved opinions
adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
2. ass_____ion plot
n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
3. 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
4. es_____e a cause
v. to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry
5. nat_____st sentiment
adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
6. stage an up_____ng
n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
7. mi_____t call
n. a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
8. con_____ism party
n. a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense

ANSWERS: 1. preconceived, 2. assassination, 3. parochial, 4. espouse, 5. nationalist, 6. uprising, 7. minaret, 8. conservatism

9. dangerous com_____cy *n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
10. ca_____is of grief *n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
11. ko____r deli *adj.* conforming to Jewish dietary laws; conforming to proper or ethical standards; legitimate, lawful, or acceptable
12. 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
13. as_____nt politician *adj.* desiring or aspiring to achieve something; ambitious or eager to attain a goal, position, or status
14. ped_____cs clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
15. ha__l certification *adj.* denoting or relating to food or another item that is permissible to consume or use according to Islamic law
16. re_____d company *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
17. radical ex_____st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

ANSWERS: 9. complacency, 10. catharsis, 11. kosher, 12. dictator, 13. aspirant, 14. pediatrics, 15. halal, 16. rebrand, 17. extremist

18. public ri_____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
19. loyal all_____ce *n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty
20. a pre_____ved notion *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
21. fa_____t policies *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
22. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
23. banking bl_____st *n.* a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities
24. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

ANSWERS: 18. ridicule, 19. allegiance, 20. preconceived, 21. fascist, 22. superpower, 23. blacklist, 24. aspire

25. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
26. pr_____te plants *v.* to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction
27. xen_____ic attitude *adj.* showing strong dislike or fear of people from other countries or cultures; having a strong bias or prejudice against outsiders
28. violent ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
29. ov_____ow the government *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
30. career as_____nt *adj.* desiring or aspiring to achieve something; ambitious or eager to attain a goal, position, or status
31. pr_____te a rumor *v.* to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction
32. cap_____ze on an interest *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
33. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things

ANSWERS: 25. cofounder, 26. propagate, 27. xenophobic, 28. extremism, 29. overthrow, 30. aspirant, 31. propagate, 32. capitalize, 33. interconnect

34. yes_____ar fashion *n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
35. perform without hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
36. in_____e in debauchery *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
37. es_____e an idea *v.* to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry
38. Christian th_____cy *n.* a form of government in which religious leaders or institutions hold the ultimate authority and religious laws are the basis of governance
39. tra_____nal crime *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
40. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
41. fiscal con_____ism *n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense

ANSWERS: 34. yesteryear, 35. hesitation, 36. indulge, 37. espouse, 38. theocracy, 39. transnational, 40. nationalist, 41. conservatism

42. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
43. the sacred mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
44. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
45. ex_____st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
46. tra_____nal migration *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
47. an_____al example *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
48. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
49. re_____te task *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
50. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

ANSWERS: 42. supple, 43. mosque, 44. incidentally, 45. extremist, 46. transnational, 47. anecdotal, 48. quo, 49. relegate, 50. aspiration

51. ov_____ow the theory
v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
52. inc_____lly mentioned
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53. ha__l option
adj. denoting or relating to food or another item that is permissible to consume or use according to Islamic law
54. co_____e themselves solely
v. to restrict the movement of someone or something
55. human activities int_____ect with the environment
v. to connect similar things
56. personal bl_____st
n. a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities
57. co_____e the scope of use
v. to restrict the movement of someone or something
58. re_____te a matter to another authority
v. to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
59. as_____e to greatness
v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
60. violent up_____ng
n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
61. mi_____t tower
n. a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer

ANSWERS: 51. overthrow, 52. incidentally, 53. halal, 54. confine, 55. interconnect, 56. blacklist, 57. confine, 58. relegate, 59. aspire, 60. uprising, 61. minaret

62. failed ass_____ion attempt *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
63. local l_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
64. xen_____ic statements *adj.* showing strong dislike or fear of people from other countries or cultures; having a strong bias or prejudice against outsiders
65. yes_____ar nostalgia *n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
66. d_b data *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
67. ped_____cs department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
68. fa_____t propaganda *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
69. an_____al evidence *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
70. modern th_____cy *n.* a form of government in which religious leaders or institutions hold the ultimate authority and religious laws are the basis of governance

ANSWERS: 62. assassination, 63. lad, 64. xenophobic, 65. yesteryear, 66. dub, 67. pediatrics, 68. fascist, 69. anecdotal, 70. theocracy

71. military di____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
72. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
73. d_b the film in English *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
74. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
75. traditional he_____rf *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
76. political ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
77. domed mo____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
78. co_____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
79. show all_____ce *n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty
80. avoid com_____cy *n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems

ANSWERS: 71. dictator, 72. cofounder, 73. dub, 74. quo, 75. headscarf, 76. extremism, 77. mosque, 78. convict, 79. allegiance, 80. complacency

81. working-class l_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
82. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
83. after some hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
84. ko___r supermarket *adj.* conforming to Jewish dietary laws; conforming to proper or ethical standards; legitimate, lawful, or acceptable
85. he_____rf cloth *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
86. re_____d product *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
87. in_____e children *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
88. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
89. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 81. lad, 82. aspiration, 83. hesitation, 84. kosher, 85. headscarf, 86. rebrand, 87. indulge, 88. ridicule, 89. supple

90. spiritual ca_____is *n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
91. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
92. 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
93. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
94. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

ANSWERS: 90. catharsis, 91. capitalize, 92. parochial, 93. convict, 94. superpower

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We should start a discussion from scratch with no _____ ideas.
adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
2. The software uses a robust _____ to prevent access to malicious websites and protect users from online threats.
n. a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities
3. The regime was accused of being _____ for their oppressive tactics.
adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
4. The _____ debate has taken center stage in many academic circles due to the rise of religious movements worldwide.
n. a form of government in which religious leaders or institutions hold the ultimate authority and religious laws are the basis of governance
5. The clothing brand decided to _____ its image to attract a younger audience.
v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
6. The team's _____ led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.
n. a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems

ANSWERS: 1. preconceived, 2. blacklist, 3. fascist, 4. theocracy, 5. rebrand, 6. complacency

7. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.
- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
8. The _____ of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.
- n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
9. 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
10. The rise of far-right _____ has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.
- n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
11. The _____ of the mosque soared high above the city.
- n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
12. The animal was _____ in a small cage.
- v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
13. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
- n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
14. The _____ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.
- n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

ANSWERS: 7. quo, 8. assassination, 9. pediatrics, 10. extremism, 11. minaret, 12. confined, 13. aspiration, 14. extremist

15. Some women choose to wear a _____ as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.
- n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
16. The company is working hard to _____ their brand message to as many people as possible
- v.* to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction
17. The older man gave the young ____ some helpful life advice.
- n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
18. _____ in politics tends to prioritize traditional values and limited government intervention.
- n.* a political and social ideology that seeks to preserve traditional values, institutions, and practices and resist change or innovation, often associated with a preference for limited government, free markets, and strong national defense
19. She _____ in a warm bath after a long day at work.
- v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
20. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.
- n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
21. The soldiers pledged their _____ to their country.
- n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty

ANSWERS: 15. headscarf, 16. propagate, 17. lad, 18. Conservatism, 19. indulged, 20. Mosque, 21. allegiance

22. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.

- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

23. The restaurant only serves _____ food in compliance with Islamic laws.

- adj.* denoting or relating to food or another item that is permissible to consume or use according to Islamic law

24. 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

25. The company operates as a _____ corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.

- adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

26. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.

- v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

27. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

- v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

28. The synagogue offers a list of certified _____ products that members can refer to when grocery shopping.

- adj.* conforming to Jewish dietary laws; conforming to proper or ethical standards; legitimate, lawful, or acceptable

ANSWERS: 22. superpower, 23. halal, 24. dictator, 25. transnational, 26. aspired, 27. capitalize, 28. kosher

29. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

30. We _____ him Ironman because of his toughness.

v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

31. The _____ actor attended auditions and acting classes to pursue her dream of being on stage.

adj. desiring or aspiring to achieve something; ambitious or eager to attain a goal, position, or status

32. She _____ the philosophy of non-violence.

v. to adopt or support a particular belief, theory, or cause; to take up or support; to marry

33. 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

34. The _____ rhetoric of the politician only seeks to sow division and hatred among people.

adj. showing strong dislike or fear of people from other countries or cultures; having a strong bias or prejudice against outsiders

35. The anti-government _____ was successful in overthrowing the regime.

n. a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

ANSWERS: 29. cofounder, 30. dubbed, 31. aspirant, 32. espoused, 33. parochial, 34. xenophobic, 35. uprising

36. There was a _____ in her speech.

n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

37. The underperforming team was _____ to a lower division.

v. to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

38. _____ I know the answer to that question.

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

39. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

40. My grandparents love reminiscing about their favorite movies from _____.

n. the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated

41. My friend shared an _____ story about her experience in customer service.

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

42. Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of _____ helping to relieve stress and anxiety.

n. a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

43. The group aims to _____ the military regime.

v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

ANSWERS: 36. hesitation, 37. relegated, 38. Incidentally, 39. nationalist, 40. yesteryear, 41. anecdotal, 42. catharsis, 43. overthrow

44. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
45. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
46. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
47. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
v. to connect similar things

ANSWERS: 44. convicted, 45. ridicule, 46. supple, 47. interconnect