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Session 1: Word List

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym: completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

elk

n. a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size

synonym: moose, deer, stag

(1) **elk** population, (2) **elk** hunting

We saw a group of **elk** grazing in the field near our cabin in the mountains.

brownie

n. a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful

synonym: bar, cake, square

(1) earn **Brownie** points, (2) **brownie** recipe

She baked a batch of chocolate chip **brownies** for the office party.

behold

v. to look at and observe with attention

synonym: see, observe, watch

(1) **behold** the sunrise, (2) a joy to **behold**

His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to **behold**.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

timelapse

n. a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly

(1) **timelapse** photography, (2) capture **timelapse** footage

The **timelapse** video beautifully captured the changing seasons over a year.

photograph

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

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

continuously

adv. without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

synonym: constantly, frequently, always

(1) use one thing **continuously**, (2) **continuously** removed
The country's domestic coal consumption has been **continuously** declining for decades.

nonstop

adj. without intermediate stops between source and destination

synonym: continuous, ceaseless, endless

(1) a **nonstop** run, (2) **nonstop** talk
We tend to choose **nonstop** flights when we travel.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient
He **immersed** himself in his research.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym: tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind
He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food
He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

gateway

n. an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something

synonym: portal, entrance, access

(1) **gateway** drug, (2) airport **gateway**

The **gateway** to the city was a beautiful archway made of stone.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

octave

n. a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale

synonym : eighth, interval, range

(1) **octave** key, (2) **octave** range

The singer's range was impressive, covering three **octaves** with ease.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

electrical

adj. relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

impulse

n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

synonym : stimulation, provocation, urge

(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**

Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

vibration

n. a continuous quick and slight shaking movement

synonym : oscillation, fluctuation, reverberation

(1) protection against **vibration**, (2) sympathetic **vibration**

Vibration displaced part of the mechanism.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

appreciation

n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

synonym : recognition, admiration, esteem

(1) express my **appreciation**, (2) **appreciation** for diversity

The artist received a lot of **appreciation** for his latest work.

gratitude

n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

synonym : appreciation, thankfulness, indebtedness

(1) a debt of **gratitude**, (2) feelings of **gratitude**

She expressed her **gratitude** towards the kind stranger who helped her.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

glimpse

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

synonym : glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**

Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in

this game.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym: aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman
The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**
His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy
Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program
The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time
It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

cultivate

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
synonym: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

array

n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

synonym: collection, display, batch

(1) a two-dimensional **array**, (2) an **array** of troops

The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable **array** of products.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

fathom

v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

synonym: comprehend, understand, grasp

(1) **fathom** the depth, (2) **fathom** the mystery

I cannot **fathom** why some people enjoy horror movies.

ancestor

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

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

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

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym: throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

faucet

n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
synonym: tap, spigot, valve

(1) a water **faucet**, (2) **faucet** handle

I turned on the **faucet** to wash my hands.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

blessing

n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

synonym: favor, benediction, boon

(1) count your **blessings**, (2) bestowed **blessings**

Receiving support from his friends was a great **blessing** in his time of need.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym: existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

overflow

v. to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough

synonym: spill, inundate, flood

(1) **overflow** on the platform, (2) **overflow** with emotion

The river **overflowed** its banks during the heavy rain.

Session 2: Spelling

1. his majestic pr____ce
n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
2. ti_____se photography
n. a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly
3. heavy tr____c
n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
4. f__p over the pork chop
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
5. rich in nu____e
n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
6. en____us amount
adj. extremely large or great
7. earliest human an____or
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
8. subtle cultural nu____e
n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
9. e_k hunting
n. a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size

ANSWERS: 1. presence, 2. timelapse, 3. traffic, 4. flip, 5. nuance, 6. enormous, 7. ancestor, 8. nuance, 9. elk

10. put a gr____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
11. express my app_____ion *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
12. no____p talk *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
13. protection against vi_____on *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
14. ga____y drug *n.* an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something
15. el____y woman *adj.* (a polite word for) old
16. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
17. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
18. a combative im_____e *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
19. a gr____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
20. ov____ow on the platform *v.* to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough

ANSWERS: 10. grateful, 11. appreciation, 12. nonstop, 13. vibration, 14. gateway, 15. elderly, 16. bless, 17. incredible, 18. impulse, 19. grateful, 20. overflow

21. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
22. a two-dimensional ar__y *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
23. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
24. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
25. use one thing con_____sly *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
26. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
27. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
28. oc___e key *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
29. a joy to be___d *v.* to look at and observe with attention
30. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
31. a debt of gr_____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

ANSWERS: 21. pretension, 22. array, 23. brain, 24. enormous, 25. continuously, 26. seduce, 27. narrator, 28. octave, 29. behold, 30. roll, 31. gratitude

32. fa___m the depth *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
33. profound religious im_____es *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
34. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
35. sympathetic vi_____on *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
36. app_____ion for diversity *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
37. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
38. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
39. capture ti_____se footage *n.* a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly

ANSWERS: 32. fathom, 33. impulse, 34. photograph, 35. vibration, 36. appreciation, 37. universe, 38. celebrate, 39. timelapse

40. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
41. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
42. oc___e range *n.* a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
43. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
44. the evidence of the pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
45. a home for the el_____y *adj.* (a polite word for) old
46. con_____sly removed *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
47. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
48. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
49. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
50. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

ANSWERS: 40. appropriate, 41. photograph, 42. octave, 43. flip, 44. presence, 45. elderly, 46. continuously, 47. immerse, 48. graduated, 49. constantly, 50. afford

51. an ar__y of troops *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
52. a water fa__t *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
53. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
54. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
55. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
56. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
57. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity
58. passing gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
59. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
60. cu_____te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
61. degree in ele_____al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
62. count your bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
63. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 51. array, 52. faucet, 53. incredible, 54. constantly, 55. survival, 56. imaginary, 57. electrical, 58. glimpse, 59. separate, 60. cultivate, 61. electrical, 62. blessing, 63. roll

64. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
65. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
66. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
67. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
68. fa___m the mystery *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
69. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
70. fa___t handle *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
71. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
72. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
73. feelings of gr_____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

ANSWERS: 64. afford, 65. perspective, 66. inspire, 67. traffic, 68. fathom, 69. inspire, 70. faucet, 71. perspective, 72. survival, 73. gratitude

74. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
75. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
76. ov_____ow with emotion *v.* to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough
77. airport ga_____y *n.* an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something
78. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
79. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
80. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

ANSWERS: 74. rev, 75. rev, 76. overflow, 77. gateway, 78. cult, 79. pretension, 80. immerse

81. earn Br____e points *n.* a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful
82. be____d the sunrise *v.* to look at and observe with attention
83. a momentary gl____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
84. gr____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
85. cu____te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
86. expansion of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
87. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
88. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
89. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
90. a no____p run *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination

ANSWERS: 81. brownie, 82. behold, 83. glimpse, 84. graduated, 85. cultivate, 86. universe, 87. ancestor, 88. bless, 89. cult, 90. nonstop

91. se____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
92. e_k population *n.* a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
93. bestowed bl____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
94. app____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
95. the na____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
96. ce____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
97. im____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
98. br____e recipe *n.* a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful
99. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
100. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 91. separate, 92. elk, 93. blessing, 94. appropriate, 95. narrator, 96. celebrate, 97. imaginary, 98. brownie, 99. seduce, 100. brain

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ video beautifully captured the changing seasons over a year.
n. a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly
2. Nerve _____ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.
n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
3. The river _____ its banks during the heavy rain.
v. to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough
4. University is a great place to _____ our minds and expertise.
v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
5. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
6. The singer's range was impressive, covering three _____ with ease.
n. a musical interval encompassing eight diatonic scale degrees, such as the interval from C to the next C in a C major scale
7. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.
v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
8. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

ANSWERS: 1. timelapse, 2. impulses, 3. overflowed, 4. cultivate, 5. afford, 6. octaves, 7. blessed, 8. narrator

9. He _____ himself in his research.

- v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

10. His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to _____.

- v. to look at and observe with attention

11. The country's domestic coal consumption has been _____ declining for decades.

- adv. without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

12. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

- v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

13. The _____ to the city was a beautiful archway made of stone.

- n. an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something

14. Actuators convert _____ pulses into motion.

- adj. relating to electricity

15. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

- v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

16. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

- v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 9. immersed, 10. behold, 11. continuously, 12. rolled, 13. gateway, 14. electrical, 15. celebrated, 16. separate

17. _____ displaced part of the mechanism.
n. a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
18. Our team caught a _____ of the world-class technique in this game.
n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
19. The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable _____ of products.
n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
20. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
21. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
22. The _____ woman is quite energetic.
adj. (a polite word for) old
23. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
adj. existing only in someone's mind
24. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 17. Vibration, 18. glimpse, 19. array, 20. constantly, 21. ancestor, 22. elderly, 23. imaginary, 24. rev

25. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

26. I turned on the _____ to wash my hands.

n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

27. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

28. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

29. She was _____ for the help he provided.

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

30. Receiving support from his friends was a great _____ in his time of need.

n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

31. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

32. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 25. enormous, 26. faucet, 27. survival, 28. flipped, 29. grateful, 30. blessing, 31. seduce, 32. cult

33. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
34. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
- n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
35. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
36. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
37. The artist received a lot of _____ for his latest work.
- n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
38. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.
- n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
39. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.
- adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
40. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 33. universe, 34. nuance, 35. brain, 36. inspired, 37. appreciation, 38. presence, 39. graduated, 40. traffic

41. We saw a group of ____ grazing in the field near our cabin in the mountains.
n. a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
42. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
43. She expressed her _____ towards the kind stranger who helped her.
n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
44. I cannot _____ why some people enjoy horror movies.
v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
45. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
46. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
47. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
48. She baked a batch of chocolate chip _____ for the office party.
n. a small square or rectangular piece of chocolate cake, typically with nuts or chocolate chips; (brownie point) a figurative reward or recognition for doing something good or helpful

ANSWERS: 41. elk, 42. appropriate, 43. gratitude, 44. fathom, 45. photograph, 46. incredible, 47. pretensions, 48. brownies

49. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

50. We tend to choose _____ flights when we travel.

adj. without intermediate stops between source and destination

ANSWERS: 49. perspective, 50. nonstop