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Session 1: Word List

jihad

n. a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

synonym: struggle, holy war, crusade

(1) **jihad** of knowledge, (2) nonviolent **jihad**

Many scholars argue that the true meaning of **jihad** is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym: avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

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.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym : occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

Sanskrit

n. an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

(1) **Sanskrit** language, (2) **Sanskrit** literature

Some Indian classical dances and music are based on **Sanskrit** scriptures and texts.

ungodly

adj. not conforming to religious or moral principles; sinful or wicked; outrageous or excessive

synonym : sinful, wicked, unholy

(1) an **ungodly** amount of rain, (2) **ungodly** behavior

The movie's villain was portrayed with an **ungodly** mixture of cruelty and charm that fascinated and repulsed the audience.

crusader

n. a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims

synonym : advocate, activist, ideologue

(1) anti-corruption **crusader**, (2) a **crusader** for justice

The history books are full of tales of legendary **crusaders** who went on epic adventures.

horrendous

adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying

synonym : dreadful, terrible, horrifying

(1) **horrendous** traffic, (2) a **horrendous** crime

The **horrendous** storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.

monstrous

adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

synonym : grotesque, huge, deformed

(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior

The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small boat.

psychopathic

adj. relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior

synonym : psychotic, crazy, insane

(1) high levels of **psychopathic** traits, (2) **psychopathic** issues

He is going to play a **psychopathic** killer in this movie.

imam

n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

synonym : leader, cleric, spiritual guide

(1) **imam** of mosque, (2) spiritual **imam**

In some Muslim countries, the **imam's** position is appointed by the government.

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.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

sermon

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship

service

synonym : homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

congregate

v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area

synonym : assemble, converge, gather

(1) **congregate** at the park, (2) **congregate** in a mosque

The protesters plan to **congregate** in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.

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.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

debase

v. to reduce the quality, value, or esteem of something, often by lowering its moral or ethical standard; to demean or degrade

synonym : degrade, lower, cheapen

(1) **debase** dignity, (2) **debase** the principles of justice

The company's decision to **debase** its currency led to inflation and economic instability.

dwindle

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym : shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing

The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

fanatic

adj. characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism

synonym : zealous, extremist, passionate

(1) **fanatic** about germs, (2) **fanatic** devotion

The **fanatic** supporters of the sports team traveled across the country to watch the match.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

disengage

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

synonym : withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

peninsula

n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

synonym : cape, foreland

(1) the tip of the **peninsula**, (2) the Arab **peninsula**

That **peninsula** was an essential base for the country's defense.

haram

adj. (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds

synonym : forbidden, prohibited

(1) **haram** food, (2) **haram** activity

The community leaders worked to educate people about **haram** practices that are not allowed in their faith.

homage

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

synonym : respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**

The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

sectarian

adj. relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

synonym : denominational, factional, partisan

(1) **sectarian** violence, (2) **sectarian** tension

The political campaign descended into a **sectarian** battle between rival parties.

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.

instigate

v. to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior

synonym : provoke, incite, raise

(1) **instigate** a conflict, (2) **instigate** a discussion

The protesters tried to **instigate** change and promote equality in their community.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym : preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

fizz

v. to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles

synonym : fizzle, effervesce, bubble

(1) **fizz** up after the speech, (2) **fizz** with life

The soda began to **fizz** when I opened the can, spilling over the top and onto my shirt.

revulsion

n. a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive

synonym : disgust, repugnance, aversion

(1) sense of **revulsion**, (2) physical **revulsion**

His **revulsion** towards the cruel treatment of animals led him to become a vegan.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

lunatic

n. a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person

synonym: maniac, crazy, insane

(1) raving **lunatic**, (2) a lone **lunatic**

The politician's outrageous comments made him appear like a **lunatic** to his opponents.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

sadistic

adj. deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer

synonym: cruel, brutal, inhumane

(1) **sadistic** pleasure, (2) **sadistic** behavior

The **sadistic** character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

circumvent

v. to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle

synonym: evade, bypass, outsmart

(1) **circumvent** rules, (2) **circumvent** authority

I took a back road to work on time to **circumvent** the traffic jam.

hypocrisy

n. the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

synonym: insincerity, dissembling, duplicity

(1) without **hypocrisy**, (2) self-serving **hypocrisy**

The commentaries often criticized the government's political **hypocrisy**.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

faraway

adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

synonym : distant, remote, far-off

(1) **faraway** land, (2) **faraway** dream

The view from the **faraway** hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

monstrosity

n. a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control

synonym : monstrous, freak, deformity

(1) **monstrosity** of war, (2) **monstrosity** of nature

The creature's **monstrosity** in the horror movie shocked the audience.

rappel

v. to descend a steep slope or vertical surface using a rope and a sliding device; to perform a controlled descent using such a device; (noun) the act of descending a cliff or other vertical drop by a double rope coiled around the body and fixed at a higher point

synonym : abseil, descend, rope down

(1) **rappel** down a cliff, (2) **rappel** from a helicopter

The thrill-seekers decided to **rappel** down the sides of mountains.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

discredit

v. to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable

synonym: disprove, undermine, disgrace

(1) **discredit** a theory, (2) **discredit** a witness

The company's unethical practices have **discredited** its brand image in the eyes of consumers.

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.

medicinal

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

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

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

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

subtlety

n. the quality of being subtle

synonym: nuance, refinement, niceness

(1) psychological **subtlety**, (2) with great **subtlety**

She examines the document with remarkable **subtlety**.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

expunge

v. to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry

synonym : erase, delete, remove

(1) **expunge** a memory, (2) **expunge** a word from a text

The court ordered to **expunge** the criminal record of the falsely accused individual.

riddance

n. the act or process of getting rid of something or someone undesirable or unwanted; elimination or removal

synonym : elimination, removal, disposal

(1) good **riddance**, (2) sigh of **riddance**

The city council decided it was time for a thorough **riddance** of outdated laws.

Session 2: Spelling

1. Ar___c cuisine
n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
2. physical re_____on
n. a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive
3. sa_____ic pleasure
adj. deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
4. cir_____nt authority
v. to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle
5. raving lu_____c
n. a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person
6. nonviolent ji__d
n. a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
7. dw_____e to almost nothing
v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

ANSWERS: 1. Arabic, 2. revulsion, 3. sadistic, 4. circumvent, 5. lunatic, 6. jihad, 7. dwindle

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| 8. as___e after perfection | <i>v.</i> | to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great |
| 9. bankrupt cr____or | <i>n.</i> | a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 10. with great su____ty | <i>n.</i> | the quality of being subtle |
| 11. political op____sm | <i>n.</i> | a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation |
| 12. con____te in a mosque | <i>v.</i> | to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area |
| 13. political ex____sm | <i>n.</i> | the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable |
| 14. re____nt local dishes | <i>v.</i> | to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new |
| 15. buck and d_e | <i>n.</i> | a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit |
| 16. mo____us behavior | <i>adj.</i> | extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance |
| 17. kid____ng attempt | <i>n.</i> | the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive |
| 18. dr__n in a bath | <i>v.</i> | to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater |

ANSWERS: 8. aspire, 9. creditor, 10. subtlety, 11. optimism, 12. congregate, 13. extremism, 14. reinvent, 15. doe, 16. monstrous, 17. kidnapping, 18. drown

19. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
20. ji__d of knowledge *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
21. 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
22. sigh of ri_____ce *n.* the act or process of getting rid of something or someone undesirable or unwanted; elimination or removal
23. Ar____c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
24. con_____te at the park *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
25. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
26. a lone lu_____c *n.* a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person

ANSWERS: 19. distracted, 20. jihad, 21. extremism, 22. riddance, 23. Arabic, 24. congregate, 25. inherit, 26. lunatic

27. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
28. 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
29. lengthy se____n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
30. in_____te a discussion *v.* to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior
31. the tip of the pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
32. 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
33. gr____y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
34. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
35. mon_____ty of war *n.* a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control

ANSWERS: 27. condemn, 28. extremist, 29. sermon, 30. instigate, 31. peninsula, 32. Christ, 33. greedy, 34. reinvent, 35. monstrosity

36. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
37. ex_____e a word from a text *v.* to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry
38. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
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40. i__m of mosque *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
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43. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
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ANSWERS: 36. mosque, 37. expunge, 38. empower, 39. medicinal, 40. imam, 41. horrendous, 42. grandchild, 43. creditor, 44. Sanskrit, 45. sermon, 46. rappel

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50. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
51. di_____it a theory *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
52. fa_____y dream *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
53. ha__m activity *adj.* (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds
54. anti-corruption cr_____er *n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
55. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

ANSWERS: 47. condemn, 48. sectarian, 49. psychopathic, 50. reclaim, 51. discredit, 52. faraway, 53. haram, 54. crusader, 55. doom

56. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
57. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
58. paying ho___e to tradition *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
59. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
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ANSWERS: 56. inherit, 57. doom, 58. homage, 59. conceive, 60. monstrosity, 61. mosque, 62. faraway, 63. doe, 64. grandchild, 65. homage, 66. haram

67. psy_____hic issues *adj.* relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior
68. my_____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
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ANSWERS: 67. psychopathic, 68. mystical, 69. hypocrisy, 70. kidnapping, 71. fanatic, 72. peninsula, 73. crusader, 74. debase

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83. spiritual i__m *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

ANSWERS: 75. circumvent, 76. aspire, 77. ungodly, 78. conceive, 79. expunge, 80. instigate, 81. optimism, 82. revulsion, 83. imam

84. 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
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89. without hy_____sy *n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
90. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
91. gr____y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
92. 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

ANSWERS: 84. extremist, 85. disengage, 86. empower, 87. medicinal, 88. mystical, 89. hypocrisy, 90. distracted, 91. greedy, 92. Christ

93. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
94. hor_____us traffic *adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying
95. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
96. psychological su_____ty *n.* the quality of being subtle
97. dw_____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
98. good ri_____ce *n.* the act or process of getting rid of something or someone undesirable or unwanted; elimination or removal
99. a mo_____us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
100. f__z up after the speech *v.* to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles
101. un_____y behavior *adj.* not conforming to religious or moral principles; sinful or wicked; outrageous or excessive
102. f__z with life *v.* to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles

ANSWERS: 93. reclaim, 94. horrendous, 95. drown, 96. subtlety, 97. dwindle, 98. riddance, 99. monstrous, 100. fizz, 101. ungodly, 102. fizz

103. fa____c devotion *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
104. sa____ic behavior *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
105. ra____l down a cliff *v.* to descend a steep slope or vertical surface using a rope and a sliding device; to perform a controlled descent using such a device; (noun) the act of descending a cliff or other vertical drop by a double rope coiled around the body and fixed at a higher point
106. de____e the principles of justice *v.* to reduce the quality, value, or esteem of something, often by lowering its moral or ethical standard; to demean or degrade
107. di____it a witness *v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
108. di____ge the clutch *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
109. se____an violence *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

ANSWERS: 103. fanatic, 104. sadistic, 105. rappel, 106. debase, 107. discredit, 108. disengage, 109. sectarian

110. Sa_____it literature

n. an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years

ANSWERS: 110. Sanskrit

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's unethical practices have _____ its brand image in the eyes of consumers.
 - v.* to harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to make something appear untrue or unreliable
2. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.
 - n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
3. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
 - n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
4. The _____ character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.
 - adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
5. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
 - v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
6. That _____ was an essential base for the country's defense.
 - n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
7. The _____ storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.
 - adj.* causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying

ANSWERS: 1. discredited, 2. Arabic, 3. creditor, 4. sadistic, 5. reinvent, 6. peninsula, 7. horrendous

8. The history books are full of tales of legendary _____ who went on epic adventures.
- n.* a person who is committed to a cause or campaign that they see as being beneficial or righteous; historically, a person who took part in the medieval military campaigns to retake the Holy Land from the Muslims
9. The soda began to _____ when I opened the can, spilling over the top and onto my shirt.
- v.* to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles
10. The thrill-seekers decided to _____ down the sides of mountains.
- v.* to descend a steep slope or vertical surface using a rope and a sliding device; to perform a controlled descent using such a device; (noun) the act of descending a cliff or other vertical drop by a double rope coiled around the body and fixed at a higher point
11. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.
- adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
12. His _____ towards the cruel treatment of animals led him to become a vegan.
- n.* a strong feeling of disgust, loathing, or aversion; an intense reaction that is often triggered by something unpleasant or offensive
13. 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

ANSWERS: 8. crusaders, 9. fizz, 10. rappel, 11. greedy, 12. revulsion, 13. extremism

14. The commentaries often criticized the government's political _____.
- n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
15. The protesters plan to _____ in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.
- v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
16. Many scholars argue that the true meaning of _____ is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.
- n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
17. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
18. I took a back road to work on time to _____ the traffic jam.
- v.* to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle
19. 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
20. She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated _____.
- n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

ANSWERS: 14. hypocrisy, 15. congregate, 16. jihad, 17. empowered, 18. circumvent, 19. extremist, 20. kidnapping

21. The _____ supporters of the sports team traveled across the country to watch the match.
- adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
22. The company's decision to _____ its currency led to inflation and economic instability.
- v.* to reduce the quality, value, or esteem of something, often by lowering its moral or ethical standard; to demean or degrade
23. The movie's villain was portrayed with an _____ mixture of cruelty and charm that fascinated and repulsed the audience.
- adj.* not conforming to religious or moral principles; sinful or wicked; outrageous or excessive
24. The court ordered to _____ the criminal record of the falsely accused individual.
- v.* to erase, remove, or eliminate; to blot out or destroy; to strike out or delete from a record or registry
25. While meditating, he had a _____ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.
- adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
26. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
27. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

ANSWERS: 21. fanatic, 22. debase, 23. ungodly, 24. expunge, 25. mystical, 26. drown, 27. doom

28. The community leaders worked to educate people about _____ practices that are not allowed in their faith.
adj. (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds
29. The city council decided it was time for a thorough _____ of outdated laws.
n. the act or process of getting rid of something or someone undesirable or unwanted; elimination or removal
30. He _____ from the conversation and walked away.
v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
31. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
32. The creature's _____ in the horror movie shocked the audience.
n. a thing that is very ugly, shocking, or offensive; something so large or complex that it seems difficult to understand or control
33. He is going to play a _____ killer in this movie.
adj. relating to or suffering from a serious, and often undiagnosed, mental disorder with extreme or violent social behavior
34. The preacher delivered a powerful _____ on the importance of forgiveness.
n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
35. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 28. haram, 29. riddance, 30. disengaged, 31. reclaim, 32. monstrosity, 33. psychopathic, 34. sermon, 35. medicinal

36. The protesters tried to _____ change and promote equality in their community.
- v.* to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior
37. The view from the _____ hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.
- adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
38. Some Indian classical dances and music are based on _____ scriptures and texts.
- n.* an ancient language of India and an important sacred language in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism; used as a scholarly and literary language in South Asia for thousands of years
39. _____ 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
40. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
- n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
41. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
- v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
42. The political campaign descended into a _____ battle between rival parties.
- adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

ANSWERS: 36. instigate, 37. faraway, 38. Sanskrit, 39. Christmas, 40. grandchild, 41. aspired, 42. sectarian

43. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
44. The giant wave was _____ and destroyed the small boat.
adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
45. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
46. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
47. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.
adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
48. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
49. 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)
50. She examines the document with remarkable _____.
n. the quality of being subtle

ANSWERS: 43. doe, 44. monstrous, 45. condemned, 46. optimism, 47. distracted, 48. conceive, 49. Mosque, 50. subtlety

51. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

52. The politician's outrageous comments made him appear like a _____ to his opponents.

n. a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person

53. In some Muslim countries, the _____ position is appointed by the government.

n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

54. The crowds at the festival _____ as the night went on.

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

55. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of _____ to the retiring athlete.

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

ANSWERS: 51. inherited, 52. lunatic, 53. imam's, 54. dwindled, 55. homage