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Session 1: Word List

congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

synonym : clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym : heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym : dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym : arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

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.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym: roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym: structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during

the holidays.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym: average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

euro

n. the official currency of most European Union countries

(1) the value of the **Euro**, (2) **Euro** crises

Some countries may leave the **Euro**.

bottleneck

n. a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

synonym: blockage, obstacle, barrier

(1) performance **bottleneck**, (2) **bottleneck** in production

Memory bandwidth is a significant **bottleneck** in this computational simulation.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

nonlinear

adj. pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors

synonym : complex, unpredictable

(1) **nonlinear** equation, (2) **nonlinear** system

The professor taught us about the experiment's **nonlinear** relationships between different variables.

threshold

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

synonym : anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**

She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

substantially

adv. to a great extent or degree

synonym: considerably, essentially, largely

(1) the price went up **substantially**, (2) the house was **substantially** built

The proportion of female engineers has **substantially** increased.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

referendum

n. a general vote in which all the people of a country can vote on an important political or social issue

synonym: election, poll, vote

(1) **referendum** on abortion, (2) hold a second **referendum**

The government had a constitutional **referendum**.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym : esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym : opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

discontent

n. dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval

synonym: dissatisfaction, unrest, displeasure

(1) political **discontent**, (2) widespread **discontent**

The worker's **discontent** with their wages led to a strike.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym: sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

toll

n. money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

synonym: fee, cost, expense

(1) a **toll** road, (2) **toll** a bell at his death

There is no **toll** car park nearby.

cordon

n. a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade

synonym: barrier, barricade, line

(1) **cordon** tape, (2) police **cordon**

The police set up a **cordon** around the crime scene to keep bystanders out.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;

(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

Session 2: Spelling

1. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
2. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
3. no_____ar equation *adj.* pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors
4. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
5. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
6. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
7. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
8. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
9. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
10. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
11. bot_____ck in production *n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

ANSWERS: 1. complicated, 2. pervasive, 3. nonlinear, 4. fierce, 5. transport, 6. urban, 7. incentive, 8. pervasive, 9. experiment, 10. urban, 11. bottleneck

12. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
13. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
14. an advertising me____m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
15. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
16. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
17. co_____t a highway *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
18. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
19. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
20. E__o crises *n.* the official currency of most European Union countries

ANSWERS: 12. analyze, 13. introduction, 14. medium, 15. phenomenon, 16. attempt, 17. congest, 18. typical, 19. insight, 20. euro

21. rei_____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
22. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
23. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
24. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
25. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
26. co_____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
27. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
28. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
29. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
30. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
31. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
32. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
33. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 21. reintroduce, 22. roughly, 23. dot, 24. phenomenon, 25. emerging, 26. contrary, 27. essentially, 28. colleague, 29. transport, 30. slide, 31. opportune, 32. emerging, 33. enormous

34. performance bot_____ck *n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry
35. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
36. di_____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
37. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
38. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. nutrient-de___e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
40. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
41. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
42. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
43. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 34. bottleneck, 35. confident, 36. disperse, 37. experiment, 38. opportune, 39. dense, 40. decision, 41. embrace, 42. adapt, 43. stable

44. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
45. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
46. hold a second ref_____um *n.* a general vote in which all the people of a country can vote on an important political or social issue
47. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
48. t__l a bell at his death *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
49. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
50. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
51. ad_____e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
52. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
53. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
54. a t__l road *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
55. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 44. colleague, 45. enormous, 46. referendum, 47. confident, 48. toll, 49. reintroduce, 50. framework, 51. admire, 52. exciting, 53. disappear, 54. toll, 55. gap

56. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
57. ref_____um on abortion *n.* a general vote in which all the people of a country can vote on an important political or social issue
58. widespread dis_____nt *n.* dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval
59. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
60. ab_____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
61. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
62. di_____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
63. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
64. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
65. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
66. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
67. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
68. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 56. dot, 57. referendum, 58. discontent, 59. admire, 60. abolish, 61. fortunate, 62. disperse, 63. adapt, 64. roughly, 65. exciting, 66. hometown, 67.

survey, 68. introduction

69. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
70. co_____t in a vein *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
71. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
72. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
73. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
74. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
75. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
76. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
77. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
78. the th_____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

ANSWERS: 69. incentive, 70. congest, 71. insight, 72. fortunate, 73. complexity, 74. framework, 75. typical, 76. nudge, 77. survey, 78. threshold

79. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
80. a fi___e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
81. a reckless at____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
82. no_____ar system *adj.* pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors
83. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
84. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
85. the price went up sub_____lly *adv.* to a great extent or degree
86. police co___n *n.* a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade
87. the clear co_____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
88. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
89. first l__e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

ANSWERS: 79. slide, 80. fierce, 81. attempt, 82. nonlinear, 83. disappear, 84. lane, 85. substantially, 86. cordon, 87. contrary, 88. nudge, 89. lane

90. 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
91. the house was sub_____lly built *adv.* to a great extent or degree
92. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
93. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
94. ho_____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
95. in st___e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
96. 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
97. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
98. co___n tape *n.* a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade
99. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
100. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something

ANSWERS: 90. traffic, 91. substantially, 92. slightly, 93. medium, 94. hometown, 95. stable, 96. traffic, 97. react, 98. cordon, 99. dense, 100. react

101. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
102. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
103. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
104. political dis_____nt *n.* dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval
105. ab_____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
106. the value of the E__o *n.* the official currency of most European Union countries
107. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
108. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
109. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
110. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 101. gap, 102. embrace, 103. complicated, 104. discontent, 105. abolish, 106. euro, 107. analyze, 108. essentially, 109. threshold, 110. decision

111. increase sl_____ly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

112. cognitive com_____ty

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 111. slightly, 112. complexity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

2. Some countries may leave the _____.
n. the official currency of most European Union countries

3. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

4. She's on the _____ of adulthood.
n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

5. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.
v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

6. The roads to the airport were heavily _____.
v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

7. I'm not _____ in our victory.
adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

8. The police set up a _____ around the crime scene to keep bystanders out.
n. a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade

ANSWERS: 1. dots, 2. Euro, 3. adapt, 4. threshold, 5. abolish, 6. congested, 7. confident, 8. cordon

9. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

10. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

11. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

12. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

13. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

14. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

15. The woods _____ the house.

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

16. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

ANSWERS: 9. slide, 10. hometown, 11. Emerging, 12. typical, 13. transportation, 14. introduction, 15. embrace, 16. Essentially,

17. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

18. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

19. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

20. 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

21. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

22. They have no _____ to win the game.

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

23. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

24. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

ANSWERS: 17. fierce, 18. exciting, 19. stable, 20. traffic, 21. lane, 22. incentive, 23. enormous, 24. admire

25. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
26. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
27. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.
adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
28. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
29. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
30. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
31. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.
n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
32. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
33. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 25. experiments, 26. disappear, 27. dense, 28. pervasive, 29. survey, 30. urban, 31. gap, 32. roughly, 33. insights

34. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

35. A rainbow is a natural _____.

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

36. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

37. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

38. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

39. The government had a constitutional _____.

n. a general vote in which all the people of a country can vote on an important political or social issue

40. The proportion of female engineers has _____ increased.

adv. to a great extent or degree

41. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

ANSWERS: 34. analyze, 35. phenomenon, 36. decision, 37. fortunate, 38. medium, 39. referendum, 40. substantially, 41. framework

42. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

43. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

44. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

45. There is no _____ car park nearby.

n. money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

46. The professor taught us about the experiment's _____ relationships between different variables.

adj. pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors

47. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

48. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

49. How did he _____ to your idea?

v. to take action in response to something

ANSWERS: 42. contrary, 43. opportune, 44. dispersed, 45. toll, 46. nonlinear, 47. reintroduce, 48. nudged, 49. react

50. The third _____ was far more successful.

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

51. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

52. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

53. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

54. The worker's _____ with their wages led to a strike.

n. dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval

55. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

56. Memory bandwidth is a significant _____ in this computational simulation.

n. a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

ANSWERS: 50. attempt, 51. complexity, 52. complicated, 53. colleague, 54. discontent, 55. slightly, 56. bottleneck