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Session 1: Word List

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym : argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

copyright

n. the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work

synonym : patent, trademark, intellectual property

(1) artistic **copyright**, (2) **copyright** infringement

The company is taking legal action against those who have violated their **copyright** on the software.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

dispassionate

adj. not influenced by strong emotions or personal feelings; objective and impartial; characterized by rationality and objectivity rather than being driven by subjective biases or emotions

synonym : impartial, unbiased, neutral

(1) **dispassionate** analysis, (2) **dispassionate** observation

The judge remained **dispassionate** throughout the emotional trial.

quantitative

adj. relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data

synonym : numerical, measurable

(1) **quantitative** tightening, (2) **quantitative** analysis

The **quantitative** research provided statistical evidence to support the hypothesis.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym : suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym : join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym : affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

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**.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of

an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

theft

n. the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing

synonym : stealing, heist, robbery

(1) victim of identity **theft**, (2) **theft** of designs

Poverty is not a reproach; however, **theft** is.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

auditorium

n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

synonym: hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

boulevard

n. a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade

synonym: avenue, street, road

(1) tree-lined **boulevard**, (2) residential **boulevard**

The new shopping center is on a bustling **boulevard** in the city's heart.

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym: damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

penny

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

synonym: cent, coin, copper

(1) **penny** stock, (2) save a **penny**

I found a lucky **penny** on the ground while walking to work this morning.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

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.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym : assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

retail

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

synonym : sales, trade, commerce

(1) **retail** store, (2) a **retail** dealer

The **retail** industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

pirate

n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

synonym : buccaneer, corsair, privateer

(1) **pirate** treasure, (2) video **pirate**

The **pirate** captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym : output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

wheat

n. a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

synonym : grain, cereal

(1) harvesting **wheat**, (2) **wheat** crop

The farmer grew **wheat** on his land.

tobacco

n. a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine

synonym : smoking, nicotine, cigar

(1) **tobacco** industry, (2) a mild **tobacco**

Tobacco product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.

sorghum

n. a type of grain grown in tropical countries

(1) **sorghum** grain, (2) seeds of **sorghum**

Sorghum is an important food grain in this country.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

chunk

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

synonym: block, lump, piece

(1) a **chunk** of money, (2) a tiny **chunk** of meat

The new start-up company carved out a large **chunk** of the market within a year.

pay-per-view

n. a system or service where viewers are required to pay a fee to access or watch a specific event, program, or content, usually on television or through streaming platforms

synonym: subscription, on-demand, PPV

(1) **pay-per-view** event, (2) **pay-per-view** subscription

I ordered the boxing match on **pay-per-view** to watch from the comfort of my living room.

satellite

n. an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

synonym: orbiter, asteroid, moon

(1) a GPS **satellite**, (2) a meteorological **satellite**

Launching an artificial **satellite** contributed to the technological development of our country.

cable

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

synonym : wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

puzzling

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

synonym : baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

piracy

n. the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea

synonym : theft, stealing, robbery

(1) software **piracy**, (2) **piracy** on the high seas

Music **piracy** is a serious problem that negatively impacts the livelihoods of artists and the music industry.

forego

v. to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation

synonym: antecede, precede, relinquish

(1) **forego** dessert, (2) **forego** the privilege

The company decided to **forego** the expensive advertising campaign and instead rely on word of mouth.

insidious

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

synonym: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

ringtone

n. a sound or melody that plays on a mobile phone to indicate an incoming call or message

synonym: ringback tone, caller tune, dialler tone

(1) download **ringtone**, (2) **ringtone** melody

I forgot to silence my phone during the meeting, and everyone heard my embarrassing **ringtone**.

excel

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

synonym: outdo, shine, surpass

(1) **excel** in description, (2) **excel** at communication

The company **excels** in customer service.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

bureau

n. an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information

synonym : agency, department, office

(1) **bureau** of statistics, (2) travel **bureau**

I went to the **bureau** of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym : hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

mind-blowing

adj. extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions

synonym: amazing, incredible, shocking

(1) **mind-blowing** discovery, (2) a **mind-blowing** horror story

The **mind-blowing** effects of the psychedelic drug were unlike anything he had ever experienced.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym: line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

toolkit

n. a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal

synonym: tool set, equipment, utility kit

(1) handy **toolkit**, (2) digital **toolkit**

The DIY **toolkit** includes a variety of power and hand tools for home repair.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym: combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

inflation

n. a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

synonym: increase, swelling, boom

(1) **inflation** control, (2) global **inflation**

Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against **inflation**.

hoodlum

n. a person who engages in criminal or violent behavior; a thug or gangster

synonym: thug, delinquent, gangster

(1) **hoodlum** behavior, (2) notorious **hoodlum**

The police arrested the juvenile **hoodlum** responsible for the recent string of burglaries in the neighborhood.

buck

n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

synonym: dollar, money, currency

(1) **buck** the trend, (2) extra **buck**

I spotted a majestic **buck** with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

inquiry

n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

synonym: question, research, exploration

(1) **inquiry** about the product, (2) launch an **inquiry**

Our tech support responds to the first **inquiry** exceptionally promptly.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

Session 2: Spelling

1. m_r the reputation *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
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21. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 12. enlist, 13. insight, 14. discovery, 15. identify, 16. mere, 17. revenue, 18. historic, 19. auditorium, 20. rev, 21. damage

22. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
23. a ch__k of money *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
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26. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
27. so_____m grain *n.* a type of grain grown in tropical countries
28. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
29. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
30. aud_____um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

ANSWERS: 22. alien, 23. chunk, 24. dispassionate, 25. buck, 26. argue, 27. sorghum, 28. classic, 29. statistics, 30. auditorium

31. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
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33. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
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36. a GPS sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

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56. ho____m behavior *n.* a person who engages in criminal or violent behavior; a thug or gangster
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ANSWERS: 55. theft, 56. hoodlum, 57. penny, 58. chunk, 59. equivalent, 60. argue, 61. pirate, 62. compound, 63. toolkit, 64. insight

65. qua_____ive analysis *adj.* relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data
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68. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
69. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
70. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
71. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
72. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
73. pu_____ng questions *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
74. a re___l dealer *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
75. launch an in_____y *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

ANSWERS: 65. quantitative, 66. boulevard, 67. quantitative, 68. folk, 69. employ, 70. instance, 71. improve, 72. addition, 73. puzzling, 74. retail, 75. inquiry

76. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
77. tree-lined bo_____rd *n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade
78. to_____o industry *n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
79. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
80. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
81. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
82. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
83. min_____ing discovery *adj.* extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions
84. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
85. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
86. pu_____ng behavior *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
87. software pi_____y *n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea

ANSWERS: 76. emotional, 77. boulevard, 78. tobacco, 79. crop, 80. association, 81. obvious, 82. mathematics, 83. mind-blowing, 84. mathematics, 85. folk, 86. puzzling, 87. piracy

88. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
89. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
90. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
91. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
92. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
93. fo___o the privilege *v.* to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation
94. retie the st___g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
95. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 88. labor, 89. negative, 90. alien, 91. historic, 92. industrious, 93. forego, 94. string, 95. economy

96. a meteorological sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
97. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
98. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
99. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
100. 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
101. notorious ho_____m *n.* a person who engages in criminal or violent behavior; a thug or gangster
102. ca__e television *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
103. pay_____iew subscription *n.* a system or service where viewers are required to pay a fee to access or watch a specific event, program, or content, usually on television or through streaming platforms

ANSWERS: 96. satellite, 97. economy, 98. analyze, 99. identify, 100. rev, 101. hoodlum, 102. cable, 103. pay-per-view

104. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
105. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
106. in_____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
107. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
108. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
109. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
110. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
111. pi___y on the high seas *n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea
112. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

ANSWERS: 104. propose, 105. hypothesis, 106. indicate, 107. debate, 108. statistics, 109. association, 110. stretch, 111. piracy, 112. analyze

113. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
114. pe__y stock *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
115. wh__t crop *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
116. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
117. in_____y about the product *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
118. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
119. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
120. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
121. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 113. obvious, 114. penny, 115. wheat, 116. hypothesis, 117. inquiry, 118. instance, 119. norm, 120. labor, 121. stretch

122. re___l store *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
123. victim of identity th__t *n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing
124. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
125. ri_____ne melody *n.* a sound or melody that plays on a mobile phone to indicate an incoming call or message
126. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
127. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
128. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
129. artistic co_____ht *n.* the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work
130. video pi___e *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
131. in_____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

ANSWERS: 122. retail, 123. theft, 124. employ, 125. ringtone, 126. compound, 127. lobby, 128. precise, 129. copyright, 130. pirate, 131. indicate

132. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
133. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
134. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
135. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
136. in_____us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
137. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
138. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
139. travel bu___u *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
140. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
141. global in_____on *n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

ANSWERS: 132. crop, 133. revenue, 134. equivalent, 135. mar, 136. insidious, 137. precise, 138. discovery, 139. bureau, 140. congress, 141. inflation

142. ex__l at communication

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

ANSWERS: 142. excel

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.
n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
2. This system uses submarine _____ to exchange information between continents.
n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
3. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
4. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
5. The judge remained _____ throughout the emotional trial.
adj. not influenced by strong emotions or personal feelings; objective and impartial; characterized by rationality and objectivity rather than being driven by subjective biases or emotions
6. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.
n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
7. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 1. Alien, 2. cables, 3. negative, 4. classic, 5. dispassionate, 6. lobby, 7. argue

8. The police arrested the juvenile _____ responsible for the recent string of burglaries in the neighborhood.
n. a person who engages in criminal or violent behavior; a thug or gangster
9. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
10. He has a flair for _____.
n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
11. The _____ captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.
n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
12. I went to the _____ of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.
n. an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
13. Our tech support responds to the first _____ exceptionally promptly.
n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
14. 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
15. The company is taking legal action against those who have violated their _____ on the software.
n. the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work

ANSWERS: 8. hoodlum, 9. obvious, 10. mathematics, 11. pirate, 12. bureau, 13. inquiry, 14. rev, 15. copyright

16. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
17. I found a lucky _____ on the ground while walking to work this morning.
n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
18. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.
v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
19. The disease has an _____ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.
adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
20. I ordered the boxing match on _____ to watch from the comfort of my living room.
n. a system or service where viewers are required to pay a fee to access or watch a specific event, program, or content, usually on television or through streaming platforms
21. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
22. The company decided to _____ the expensive advertising campaign and instead rely on word of mouth.
v. to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation
23. Sow early for an early _____.
n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

ANSWERS: 16. norms, 17. penny, 18. enlist, 19. insidious, 20. pay-per-view, 21. moral, 22. forego, 23. crop

24. The DIY _____ includes a variety of power and hand tools for home repair.
- n.* a set of tools, materials, or resources that are designed to be used together for a specific purpose or task; a collection of information or techniques that can be used to address a problem or achieve a goal
25. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
- v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
26. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
27. He lost the election by _____ votes.
- adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
28. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
29. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
30. Launching an artificial _____ contributed to the technological development of our country.
- n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
31. 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: 24. toolkit, 25. analyze, 26. revenue, 27. mere, 28. discovery, 29. industrious, 30. satellite, 31. insights

32. The farmer grew _____ on his land.

- n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

33. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.

- v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

34. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

- n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

35. The _____ effects of the psychedelic drug were unlike anything he had ever experienced.

- adj.* extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions

36. Poverty is not a reproach; however, _____ is.

- n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing

37. Music _____ is a serious problem that negatively impacts the livelihoods of artists and the music industry.

- n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea

38. The _____ industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

- n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

39. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 32. wheat, 33. marred, 34. string, 35. mind-blowing, 36. theft, 37. piracy, 38. retail, 39. statistics

40. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
- n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
41. I forgot to silence my phone during the meeting, and everyone heard my embarrassing _____.
- n.* a sound or melody that plays on a mobile phone to indicate an incoming call or message
42. The _____ research provided statistical evidence to support the hypothesis.
- adj.* relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data
43. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
44. _____ product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.
- n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
45. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
46. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
- v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 40. Congress, 41. ringtone, 42. quantitative, 43. damage, 44. Tobacco, 45. improve, 46. stretch

47. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
48. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
49. _____ is an important food grain in this country.
n. a type of grain grown in tropical countries
50. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
51. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
52. I spotted a majestic _____ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.
n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
53. Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against _____.
n. a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
54. The company _____ in customer service.
v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

ANSWERS: 47. identify, 48. equivalent, 49. Sorghum, 50. folk, 51. emotional, 52. buck, 53. inflation, 54. excels

55. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.

- n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

56. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

- v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

57. The content is _____ and informative for me.

- adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

58. The new shopping center is on a bustling _____ in the city's heart.

- n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade

59. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

- v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

60. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

61. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

62. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.

- n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

ANSWERS: 55. compound, 56. indicates, 57. precise, 58. boulevard, 59. propose, 60. labor, 61. debate, 62. hypothesis

63. The new start-up company carved out a large _____ of the market within a year.
n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something
64. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
65. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
66. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
67. The detective found the clues _____ and couldn't solve the case immediately.
adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
68. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
69. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
70. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.
n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

ANSWERS: 63. chunk, 64. employ, 65. economy, 66. addition, 67. puzzling, 68. historic, 69. instances, 70. association

71. The _____ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

ANSWERS: 71. auditorium