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Session 1: Word List

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym : subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

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.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

hinder

v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

synonym: frustrate, hamper, interfere

(1) **hinder** athletic performance, (2) **hinder** international exchanges

The pandemic **hindered** the growth of the airline industry.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

undoubtedly

adv. without a doubt; certainly; definitely

synonym: surely, unquestionably, indisputably

(1) **undoubtedly** successful, (2) **undoubtedly** talented

The singer's talent is **undoubtedly** one of the greatest in the music industry

skyline

n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

synonym : silhouette, cityscape, horizon

(1) **skyline** view, (2) downtown **skyline**

The **skyline** of the city was dotted with tall buildings.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym : shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

evict

v. to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law

synonym : oust, expel, eject

(1) **evict** a person from his home, (2) **evict** squatter

The landlord may **evict** tenants for violations of the lease agreement.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym: restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow
The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

synonym: excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

steep

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

synonym: sheer, precipitous, abrupt

(1) a **steep** staircase, (2) **steep** discount

The **steep** cliff made it difficult to climb.

humanistic

adj. relating to or emphasizing the value, dignity, and agency of human beings, as opposed to the supernatural, divine, or animal; marked by human ideals and interests

synonym : philosophical, compassionate, humanitarian

(1) **humanistic** themes, (2) **humanistic** psychology

The **humanistic** approach to psychology emphasizes individual consciousness and free will.

tactics

n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

synonym : strategy, maneuvers, plan

(1) blitz **tactics**, (2) political **tactics**

The marketing team developed new **tactics** to boost sales.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something

synonym : highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add

detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym : road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym : belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

roll

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

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

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

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

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym: suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

hindrance

n. an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal

synonym: obstacle, impediment, barrier

(1) **hindrance** to progress, (2) logistical **hindrance**

The language barrier can be a **hindrance** to effective communication.

facilitate

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

synonym: aid, assist, help

(1) **facilitate** a smooth transition, (2) **facilitate** the process

The company implemented a new software system to **facilitate** employee communication and collaboration.

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.

emphasis

n. particular importance or significance that is given to something

synonym: priority, stress, focus

(1) **emphasis** on color, (2) lay great **emphasis** on policy

The spotlight gave the central figure increased **emphasis**.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym: purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

brevity

n. the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time

synonym: briefness, shortness, conciseness

(1) for the sake of **brevity**, (2) **brevity** of life

Unnecessary information has been omitted for **brevity**.

systematic

adj. done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:

synonym: periodic, frequent, organized

(1) a **systematic** reformation, (2) **systematic** botany

Science is based on the **systematic** classification of experience.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

railway

n. a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances

synonym : train line, rail line, track

(1) a private **railway**, (2) **railway** station

The **railway** system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym : alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

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.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

digit

n. one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

synonym: number, integer, numeral

(1) **digit** identifier, (2) the **digit** in the hundreds place

We must enter a six- **digit** number to unlock the safe.

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

disadvantage

n. a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

synonym: detriment, drawback, (verb) disfavor

(1) the **disadvantage** of a plan, (2) **disadvantage** small businesses

A lack of education can be a significant **disadvantage** in today's job market.

vis-a-vis

adv. face to face with; in relation to or in comparison with

synonym: face to face with, in relation to, regarding

(1) discuss **vis-a-vis**, (2) compare **vis-a-vis**

She addressed the audience **vis-a-vis** the importance of sustainability.

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.

accumulate

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

synonym: amass, stash, earn

(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence

He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**

GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

comparison

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

synonym : equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

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.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym : dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

lottery

n. a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

synonym : raffle, sweepstakes, drawing

(1) national **lottery**, (2) scratch-off **lottery**

The odds of winning the **lottery** are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym: chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

variable

adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

synonym: erratic, inconsistent, irregular

(1) a **variable** species, (2) a dependent **variable**

Rainfall in the tropics is highly **variable**.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

cult

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

synonym: sect, faith, religion

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

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

advantageous

adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

synonym: beneficial, favorable, profitable

(1) **advantageous** conditions, (2) **advantageous** interest rate

The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly **advantageous**.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

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.

index

n. a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index

synonym : list, directory, indicator

(1) a full-text **index**, (2) health **index**

The stock market **index** measures the performance of a group of stocks.

indicator

n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

synonym : barometer, signal, index

(1) **indicator** lamp, (2) performance **indicators**

Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor **indicator** of whether a business can be successfully run.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym : differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

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**.

substantial

adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance

synonym: significant, notable, actual

(1) a **substantial** amount of capital, (2) have a **substantial** meal

The pandemic was a **substantial** business opportunity for certain companies.

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.

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.

nationality

n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country

synonym: ethnicity, race, citizenship

(1) acquisition of **nationality**, (2) **nationality** certificate

Dual **nationality** is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym: show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

sizable

adj. large in size or amount

synonym: large, significant, considerable

(1) **sizable** portion, (2) **sizable** audience

He has a **sizable** fortune and is one of the wealthiest people in the city.

revert

v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

synonym: return, go back, restore

(1) **revert** to a heavy smoker, (2) **revert** to the original subject

After trying the new software, I **reverted** to the old version.

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**.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**
Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

garment

n. a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
synonym: apparel, clothing, attire

(1) **garment** industry, (2) silk **garment**
She hung the wet **garment** on the clothesline to dry.

province

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
synonym: area, section, region

(1) Bengal **province**, (2) home **province**
A network of railways has developed over the **province**.

workforce

n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
synonym: labor pool, manpower

(1) skilled **workforce**, (2) the **workforce** is on strike
Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their **workforce** flexible.

textile

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
synonym: cloth, material, fabric

(1) **textile** production, (2) tissue **textiles**
China's **textile** industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

poise

n. a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
synonym: confidence, grace, calmness

(1) aesthetic **poise**, (2) with easy **poise**
He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his **poise**.

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym : surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

takeoff

n. a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne

synonym : leaving, departure, liftoff

(1) vertical **takeoff**, (2) **takeoff** run

Our aircraft is now ready for **takeoff**.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym : create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym : wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the

flavor of the wine.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible

synonym : slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

distinction

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

synonym : eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**

I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

statics

n. the branch of mechanics that analyzes the equilibrium and stability of stationary systems, such as objects at rest or in equilibrium under the action of forces, which deals with forces acting on bodies that are at rest, and the resulting reaction forces

synonym : mechanics, dynamics, equilibrium

(1) applied **statics**, (2) principles of **statics**

I struggled with understanding the complex concepts in my **statics** class.

dynamics

n. the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change

synonym : mechanics, kinetics, kinematics

(1) **dynamics** of group, (2) **dynamics** of economy

The relationship **dynamics** between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym : energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

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.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

proprietor

n. a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company

synonym : owner, keeper, possessor

(1) **proprietor** of a business, (2) copyright **proprietor**

The **proprietor** of the small bakery was always friendly and welcoming.

lease

- n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

synonym: rental, tenancy, agreement

- (1) long-term **lease**, (2) commercial **lease**

The landlord offered me a one-year **lease** for the apartment.

reform

- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

- (1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

rural

- adj.* of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

- (1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

entrepreneur

- n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym: founder, executive

- (1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

pace

- n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym: gait, rate, speed

- (1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

nevertheless

adv. in spite of that; yet

synonym : nonetheless, yet, still

(1) keep working **nevertheless**, (2) **nevertheless**, she persevered

She was tired and hungry, but **nevertheless**, she persevered.

perspective

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

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym : announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym : crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

undertake

v. to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility

synonym : assume, take on, embark

(1) **undertake** an enterprise, (2) **undertake** routine duties

Young people in this country should **undertake** military duties.

privatize

v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

synonym: deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

superstar

n. a very famous and successful performer or athlete

synonym: celebrity, icon, megastar

(1) **superstar** athlete, (2) jazz **superstar**

She is a **superstar** in the music industry.

comp

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

synonym: waive, cover, provide

(1) **comp** their meal, (2) **comp** the employees with a bonus

The casino **comped** her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.

benchmark

n. a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance

synonym: standard, measure, gauge

(1) industry **benchmark**, (2) performance **benchmark**

The teacher used a **benchmark** to measure the progress of

her students.

acceleration

n. a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time

synonym: speed up, quicken, hastening

(1) a unit of **acceleration**, (2) **acceleration** of an object

The car's **acceleration** was impressive, going from 0 to 60 mph in just 5 seconds.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

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.

dragon

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

synonym: wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

egalitarian

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people,

regardless of their race, gender, or social class

synonym : equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

institutional

adj. of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

synonym : corporate, governmental

(1) **institutional** bank, (2) address **institutional** constraints

We have to discuss the **institutional** reforms of our country.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

Session 2: Spelling

1. em_____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
2. ega_____an principles *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
3. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
4. su_____s imagination *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
5. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
6. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
7. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
8. commercial le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
9. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 1. emphasize, 2. egalitarian, 3. contrast, 4. surpass, 5. conclude, 6. manufacture, 7. comparison, 8. lease, 9. cult

20. make my pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
21. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
22. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
23. acc_____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
24. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
25. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
26. home pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
27. ov_____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
28. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 20. prediction, 21. associate, 22. democracy, 23. accumulate, 24. argument, 25. minister, 26. province, 27. overtake, 28. fundamental

29. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
30. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
31. adv_____ous interest rate *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
32. for the sake of br_____y *n.* the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time
33. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
34. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
35. address ins_____nal constraints *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
36. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
37. 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
38. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

ANSWERS: 29. military, 30. government, 31. advantageous, 32. brevity, 33. massive, 34. bias, 35. institutional, 36. topic, 37. economy, 38. discriminate

39. ins_____nal bank *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
40. te_____e production *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
41. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
42. political ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
43. ta_____f run *n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
44. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
45. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
46. hum_____ic psychology *adj.* relating to or emphasizing the value, dignity, and agency of human beings, as opposed to the supernatural, divine, or animal; marked by human ideals and interests
47. a va_____le species *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

ANSWERS: 39. institutional, 40. textile, 41. elect, 42. tactics, 43. takeoff, 44. property, 45. roll, 46. humanistic, 47. variable

48. the dis_____age of a plan *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
49. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
50. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
51. hi___r international exchanges *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
52. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
53. silk ga_____t *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
54. hi___r athletic performance *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
55. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
56. si_____e portion *adj.* large in size or amount
57. nu_____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
58. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
59. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 48. disadvantage, 49. grand, 50. interaction, 51. hinder, 52. gradual, 53. garment, 54. hinder, 55. military, 56. sizable, 57. nuanced, 58. definition, 59. overcome

60. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
61. dis_____age small businesses *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
62. performance in_____ors *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
63. a sys_____ic reformation *adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
64. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
65. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
66. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
67. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
68. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
69. op_____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

ANSWERS: 60. rank, 61. disadvantage, 62. indicator, 63. systematic, 64. aft, 65. prime, 66. complicated, 67. grand, 68. declare, 69. optimist

70. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
71. c__p their meal *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
72. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
73. blitz ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
74. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
75. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
76. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
77. pro_____or of a business *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
78. nat_____ty certificate *n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
79. a private ra_____y *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances

ANSWERS: 70. transport, 71. comp, 72. perspective, 73. tactics, 74. maintain, 75. odds, 76. infrastructure, 77. proprietor, 78. nationality, 79. railway

80. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
81. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
82. sys_____ic botany *adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
83. nev_____ess, she persevered *adv.* in spite of that; yet
84. ev__t squatter *v.* to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law
85. co_____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
86. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
87. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
88. si_____e audience *adj.* large in size or amount
89. un_____ke an enterprise *v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
90. co_____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
91. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
92. compare vi_____is *adv.* face to face with; in relation to or in comparison with

ANSWERS: 80. emphasize, 81. improvisation, 82. systematic, 83. nevertheless, 84. evict, 85. converge, 86. pace, 87. manufacture, 88. sizable, 89. undertake, 90. converge, 91. conclude, 92. vis-a-vis

93. copyright pro_____or *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
94. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
95. national lo_____y *n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing
96. re____t to the original subject *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
97. ra_____y station *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
98. long-term le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
99. 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

ANSWERS: 93. proprietor, 94. miracle, 95. lottery, 96. revert, 97. railway, 98. lease, 99. economy

100. discuss vi_____is *adv.* face to face with; in relation to or in comparison with
101. di__t identifier *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
102. de_____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
103. aesthetic po__e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
104. excessive op_____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
105. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
106. dr____n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
107. skilled wo_____ce *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
108. su_____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
109. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
110. ar__e passionately *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: 100. vis-a-vis, 101. digit, 102. declare, 103. poise, 104. optimist, 105. revolution, 106. dragon, 107. workforce, 108. surpass, 109. democracy, 110. argue

111. fac_____te a smooth transition *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
112. a dy_____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
113. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
114. with easy po___e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
115. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
116. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
117. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
118. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
119. fac_____te the process *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
120. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
121. draw a dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people

ANSWERS: 111. facilitate, 112. dynamic, 113. comparison, 114. poise, 115. geography, 116. collapse, 117. feat, 118. authoritarian, 119. facilitate, 120. norm, 121. distinction

122. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
123. health in__x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
124. for your own s__e *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
125. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
126. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
127. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
128. a full-text in__x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
129. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

ANSWERS: 122. complicated, 123. index, 124. sake, 125. pace, 126. prime, 127. negative, 128. index, 129. highway

130. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
131. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
132. a sub_____al amount of capital *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
133. re____t to a heavy smoker *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
134. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
135. st__p discount *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
136. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
137. un_____ke routine duties *v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
138. the common but nu_____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
139. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
140. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

ANSWERS: 130. impressive, 131. miracle, 132. substantial, 133. revert, 134. geography, 135. steep, 136. process, 137. undertake, 138. nuanced, 139. emerging, 140. interaction

141. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
142. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
143. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
144. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
145. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
146. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
147. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
148. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
149. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 141. asset, 142. constant, 143. gender, 144. develop, 145. illustrate, 146. accumulate, 147. opposition, 148. refer, 149. transport

150. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
151. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
152. su___e changes *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
153. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
154. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
155. the ar____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
156. an imp____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
157. ga____t industry *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
158. the wo____ce is on strike *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
159. lay great em____is on policy *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
160. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

ANSWERS: 150. entrepreneur, 151. mad, 152. subtle, 153. negative, 154. process, 155. argument, 156. impressive, 157. garment, 158. workforce, 159. emphasis, 160. capita

161. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
162. downtown sk_____e *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
163. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
164. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
165. dy_____cs of economy *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
166. performance be_____rk *n.* a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance
167. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
168. 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

ANSWERS: 161. union, 162. skyline, 163. constrain, 164. opposition, 165. dynamics, 166. benchmark, 167. fundamental, 168. decision

169. ega_____an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
170. em_____is on color *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
171. industry be_____rk *n.* a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance
172. applied st_____s *n.* the branch of mechanics that analyzes the equilibrium and stability of stationary systems, such as objects at rest or in equilibrium under the action of forces, which deals with forces acting on bodies that are at rest, and the resulting reaction forces
173. Bengal pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
174. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
175. for the s__e of argument *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
176. acc_____ion of an object *n.* a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
177. the imp_____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

ANSWERS: 169. egalitarian, 170. emphasis, 171. benchmark, 172. statics, 173. province, 174. associate, 175. sake, 176. acceleration, 177. implication

178. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
179. the agricultural yield per ca____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
180. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
181. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
182. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
183. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
184. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
185. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
186. 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

ANSWERS: 178. constrain, 179. capita, 180. rank, 181. infrastructure, 182. government, 183. mad, 184. overcome, 185. revolution, 186. indicate

187. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
188. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
189. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
190. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
191. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
192. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
193. hi_____ce to progress *n.* an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal
194. 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
195. vertical ta_____f *n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne

ANSWERS: 187. improvisation, 188. decision, 189. disaster, 190. gradual, 191. contrast, 192. aft, 193. hindrance, 194. introduction, 195. takeoff

196. hi____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
197. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
198. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
199. 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
200. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
201. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
202. the di__t in the hundreds place *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
203. in_____or lamp *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
204. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

ANSWERS: 196. highway, 197. slum, 198. invest, 199. introduction, 200. gap, 201. statistics, 202. digit, 203. indicator, 204. economical

205. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
206. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
207. ov_____ke a rival *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
208. 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
209. su_____ar athlete *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
210. pr_____ze post offices *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
211. pr_____ze healthcare *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
212. ev__t a person from his home *v.* to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law
213. hum_____ic themes *adj.* relating to or emphasizing the value, dignity, and agency of human beings, as opposed to the supernatural, divine, or animal; marked by human ideals and interests

ANSWERS: 205. definition, 206. minister, 207. overtake, 208. argue, 209. superstar, 210. privatize, 211. privatize, 212. evict, 213. humanistic

214. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
215. dy_____cs of group *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
216. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
217. acquisition of nat_____ty *n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
218. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
219. the imp_____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
220. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
221. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
222. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 214. gap, 215. dynamics, 216. advantage, 217. nationality, 218. advantage, 219. implication, 220. rural, 221. cult, 222. gender

223. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
224. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
225. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
226. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
227. a dependent va_____le *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
228. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
229. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
230. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
231. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 223. emergency, 224. norm, 225. roll, 226. maintain, 227. variable, 228. bias, 229. develop, 230. promote, 231. union

232. adv _____ous conditions *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
233. a unit of acc _____ion *n.* a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
234. have a sub _____al meal *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
235. dr ___n fruit *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
236. sk _____e view *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
237. s __m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
238. re ___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
239. important dis _____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
240. chemical pr _____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
241. acute em _____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
242. economic re ___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

ANSWERS: 232. advantageous, 233. acceleration, 234. substantial, 235. dragon, 236. skyline, 237. slum, 238. reform, 239. distinction, 240. property, 241. emergency, 242. reform

243. logistical hi_____ce *n.* an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal
244. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
245. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
246. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
247. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
248. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
249. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
250. jazz su_____ar *n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
251. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
252. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

ANSWERS: 243. hindrance, 244. struggle, 245. authoritarian, 246. elect, 247. illustrate, 248. rural, 249. struggle, 250. superstar, 251. asset, 252. emerging

253. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
254. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
255. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
256. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
257. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
258. und_____ly successful *adv.* without a doubt; certainly; definitely
259. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
260. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
261. 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
262. br_____y of life *n.* the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time
263. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 253. disaster, 254. perspective, 255. economical, 256. constant, 257. topic, 258. undoubtedly, 259. prediction, 260. promote, 261. indicate, 262. brevity, 263. feat

264. a su___e poison *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
265. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
266. scratch-off lo_____y *n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing
267. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
268. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
269. dis_____ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
270. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

ANSWERS: 264. subtle, 265. massive, 266. lottery, 267. statistics, 268. collapse, 269. discriminate, 270. entrepreneur

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the small bakery was always friendly and welcoming.
n. a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company

2. China's _____ industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.
n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting

3. The company implemented a new software system to _____ employee communication and collaboration.
v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

4. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

5. 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

6. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

7. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

ANSWERS: 1. proprietor, 2. textile, 3. facilitate, 4. Constant, 5. indicates, 6. aft, 7. associate

8. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
9. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
10. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
11. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
12. Our aircraft is now ready for _____.
- n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
13. His poem has a very significant _____.
- n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
14. The _____ approach to psychology emphasizes individual consciousness and free will.
- adj.* relating to or emphasizing the value, dignity, and agency of human beings, as opposed to the supernatural, divine, or animal; marked by human ideals and interests

ANSWERS: 8. cult, 9. military, 10. opposition, 11. develop, 12. takeoff, 13. implication, 14. humanistic

15. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.
n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
16. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
17. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
18. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
19. I struggled with understanding the complex concepts in my _____ class.
n. the branch of mechanics that analyzes the equilibrium and stability of stationary systems, such as objects at rest or in equilibrium under the action of forces, which deals with forces acting on bodies that are at rest, and the resulting reaction forces
20. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
21. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.
v. to give or show particular importance to something

ANSWERS: 15. Entrepreneurs, 16. statistics, 17. optimist, 18. maintain, 19. statics, 20. asset, 21. emphasize

22. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
23. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.
- v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
24. The athlete's record-breaking performance _____ all expectations.
- v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
25. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
- n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
26. The landlord offered me a one-year _____ for the apartment.
- n. a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
27. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
- n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
28. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
- v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 22. refer, 23. overtake, 24. surpassed, 25. topic, 26. lease, 27. gender, 28. elected

29. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
30. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
31. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
- adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
32. A network of railways has developed over the _____.
- n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
33. He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his _____.
- n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
34. She is a _____ in the music industry.
- n.* a very famous and successful performer or athlete
35. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
36. The _____ cliff made it difficult to climb.
- adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope

ANSWERS: 29. perspective, 30. process, 31. economical, 32. province, 33. poise, 34. superstar, 35. grand, 36. steep

37. I've included the two designs for a _____.
- n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
38. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
39. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
- adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
40. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
- n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
41. She addressed the audience _____ the importance of sustainability.
- adv.* face to face with; in relation to or in comparison with
42. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
43. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
44. She did well on her _____ exam.
- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

ANSWERS: 37. comparison, 38. Democracy, 39. impressive, 40. rank, 41. vis-a-vis, 42. feat, 43. invest, 44. geography

45. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

46. We have to discuss the _____ reforms of our country.

adj. of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

47. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

48. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

49. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

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

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

51. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

52. The singer's talent is _____ one of the greatest in the music industry

adv. without a doubt; certainly; definitely

ANSWERS: 45. authoritarian, 46. institutional, 47. dynamic, 48. collapsed, 49. highway, 50. Emerging, 51. revolution, 52. undoubtedly

53. She hung the wet _____ on the clothesline to dry.

n. a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt

54. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

55. A lack of education can be a significant _____ in today's job market.

n. a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

56. 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.

57. After trying the new software, I _____ to the old version.

v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

58. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

59. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

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

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

61. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

ANSWERS: 53. garment, 54. capita, 55. disadvantage, 56. gap, 57. reverted, 58. fundamental, 59. gradual, 60. rolled, 61. minister

62. These results muddied the _____.
- n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
63. The casino _____ her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.
- v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
64. You should not _____ against minorities.
- v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
65. Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor _____ of whether a business can be successfully run.
- n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
66. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.
- n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
67. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
68. The pandemic _____ the growth of the airline industry.
- v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
69. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.
- v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

ANSWERS: 62. prediction, 63. comped, 64. discriminate, 65. indicator, 66. sake, 67. struggle, 68. hindered, 69. accumulated

70. Rainfall in the tropics is highly _____.

adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

71. The spotlight gave the central figure increased _____.

n. particular importance or significance that is given to something

72. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

73. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

74. The pandemic was a _____ business opportunity for certain companies.

adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance

75. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

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

76. 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

77. We _____ a cease-fire.

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

78. In Chinese mythology, _____ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

ANSWERS: 70. variable, 71. emphasis, 72. definition, 73. argument, 74. substantial, 75. norms, 76. introduction, 77. concluded, 78. dragons

79. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.

adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

80. Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their _____ flexible.

n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

81. The relationship _____ between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.

n. the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change

82. 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

83. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

84. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

85. What are the _____ that he will survive?

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

ANSWERS: 79. prime, 80. workforce, 81. dynamics, 82. transportation, 83. bias, 84. advantages, 85. odds

86. She was tired and hungry, but _____ she persevered.

adv. in spite of that; yet

87. 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

88. 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

89. The company prides itself on being an _____ workplace with equal employment opportunities.

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

90. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

91. Young people in this country should _____ military duties.

v. to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility

92. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.

adj. not readily apparent or visible

93. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

ANSWERS: 86. nevertheless, 87. economy, 88. complicated, 89. egalitarian, 90. declared, 91. undertake, 92. subtle, 93. miracle

94. He was ____ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

95. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

96. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

97. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

98. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

99. We must enter a six-_____ number to unlock the safe.

n. one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

100. The president declared a state of _____.

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

101. Unnecessary information has been omitted for _____.

n. the quality of using only a few words or lasting only a short time

ANSWERS: 94. mad, 95. converge, 96. interaction, 97. massive, 98. promote, 99. digit, 100. emergency, 101. brevity

102. The marketing team developed new _____ to boost sales.
n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
103. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
104. He has a _____ fortune and is one of the wealthiest people in the city.
adj. large in size or amount
105. 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
106. The _____ system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.
n. a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
107. Dual _____ is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.
n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
108. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
109. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 102. tactics, 103. disaster, 104. sizable, 105. decision, 106. railway, 107. nationality, 108. improvisation, 109. infrastructure

110. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.

- n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

111. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

112. Science is based on the _____ classification of experience.

- adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:

113. 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

114. The odds of winning the _____ are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.

- n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

115. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

- v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

116. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

- v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

117. The landlord may _____ tenants for violations of the lease agreement.

- v.* to expel someone from a property, especially with the support of the law

ANSWERS: 110. union, 111. government, 112. systematic, 113. argue, 114. lottery, 115. illustrate, 116. overcome, 117. evict

118. The car's _____ was impressive, going from 0 to 60 mph in just 5 seconds.
- n.* a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
119. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
120. The language barrier can be a _____ to effective communication.
- n.* an obstacle or barrier that prevents progress or interferes with accomplishing a task or goal
121. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
- v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
122. The stock market _____ measures the performance of a group of stocks.
- n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
123. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
- n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
124. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
- adj.* of or relating to the countryside

ANSWERS: 118. acceleration, 119. reform, 120. hindrance, 121. contrast, 122. index, 123. slums, 124. rural

125. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.
n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
126. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
127. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
128. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
129. The government wants to _____ specific industries to boost their efficiency.
v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
130. I can't see any _____ between these two concepts.
n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people
131. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
n. a thing or things that belong to someone
132. The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly _____.
adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
133. The _____ of the city was dotted with tall buildings.
n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

ANSWERS: 125. pace, 126. manufactured, 127. negative, 128. nuanced, 129. privatize, 130. distinction, 131. property, 132. advantageous, 133. skyline

134. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

135. The teacher used a _____ to measure the progress of her students.

n. a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance

ANSWERS: 134. constrained, 135. benchmark