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Session 1: Word List

wrath

n. extreme anger

synonym: fury, irritation, anger

(1) **wrath** of God, (2) a high person's **wrath**

He finally exploded with **wrath** due to the team's repeated failures.

plankton

n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

(1) **plankton** blooms, (2) **plankton** community

Plankton is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

hospice

n. a specialized care facility or service for terminally ill patients intended to provide comfort and support in the final stages of life; any program, organization, or approach focused on end-of-life care and support

synonym: palliative care, nursing home, care center

(1) **hospice** care, (2) home **hospice**

The **hospice** team includes nurses, social workers, chaplains, and volunteers who work together to provide comprehensive care.

outskirt

n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

synonym : suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**
The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

rive

v. to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force

synonym : split, cleave, rip

(1) **rive** the sails of the ship, (2) **rive** the stone into precise shapes

The lumberjack used a strong axe to **rive** the logs into smaller pieces.

wondrous

adj. inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

synonym : amazing, fantastic, miraculous

(1) **wondrous** sight, (2) **wondrous** adventure

The **wondrous** beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.

clinician

n. a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients

synonym : psychiatrist, therapist, doctor

(1) experienced **clinician**, (2) from a **clinician's** perspective

Some **clinicians** believe that psychological characteristics alone may cause mental disorders.

plateau

n. an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress

synonym : mesa, tableland, plain

(1) **plateau** region, (2) **plateau** in performance

The hikers finally reached the **plateau** after a long climb up the mountain.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym : destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

rag

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

synonym : cloth, fragment

(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll

He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

eyesight

n. the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness

synonym : vision, sight, eyes

(1) impaired **eyesight**, (2) acute **eyesight**

His excellent **eyesight** allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym : extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

imprimatur

n. official approval or endorsement, especially by a person in authority; formal permission or sanction, often given to printed or published material

synonym : authorization, approval, endorsement

(1) official **imprimatur**, (2) the **imprimatur** of the Catholic Church

The author eagerly awaited the publisher's **imprimatur** before releasing the book.

facet

n. one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

synonym : aspect, side, angle

(1) **facet** to a question, (2) important **facet**

The different **facets** of his personality make him a complex individual.

referential

adj. containing or relating to a reference to something or someone else; indicating, representing, or denoting something else

synonym : allusive, alluding

(1) **referential** database, (2) **referential** language

The **referential** footnote provided additional information about the source of the data.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym : aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym : nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging

parents.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate

catastrophe

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

paralysis

n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

synonym: immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

imago

n. the final, adult stage of an insect's development that typically follows the larval or pupal stage; (of psychology) an idealized mental image of someone, often a parental figure, that influences a person's behavior

synonym: adult, mature form, final stage

(1) the **imago** of the butterfly, (2) **imago** development

The **imago** stage is an insect's life cycle's final and fully mature form.

archetype

n. a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature

synonym : prototype, model, paradigm

(1) **archetype** symbol, (2) feminine **archetype**

The hero's journey is a common **archetype** in many myths and stories.

pervade

v. to spread throughout something; to permeate

synonym : permeate, penetrate, suffuse

(1) **pervade** society, (2) **pervade** an atmosphere

The smell of baking bread **pervaded** the kitchen.

psyche

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

synonym : mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

enliven

v. to make something more interesting, active, or appealing; to give life or energy to something, often by adding new or creative elements

synonym : invigorate, animate, stimulate

(1) **enliven** a party, (2) **enliven** a conversation

The party music helped **enliven** the atmosphere and get

people dancing.

noxious

adj. harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

synonym : harmful, toxic, poisonous

(1) **noxious** gas, (2) **noxious** substances

The **noxious** fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.

psychopath

n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

synonym : sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

synonym : poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

equanimity

n. a state of calmness, stability, and composure, particularly in the face of stress, adversity, or challenging situations

synonym: calmness, composure, equilibrium

(1) achieve perfect **equanimity**, (2) lose **equanimity**

The CEO's **equanimity** during the crisis helped reassure the investors and employees.

exemplify

v. to serve as a typical example of something

synonym: illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

mediate

v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

synonym: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

maggot

n. the larval stage of a fly or other insect, typically characterized by its soft, legless body and often found in decaying organic matter or on living animals

synonym : larva, grub, worm

(1) **maggot** therapy, (2) wriggling **maggots**

The **maggot** infestation in the trash can was a clear sign that we needed to take out the garbage more frequently.

plumber

n. a person who installs and repairs the pipes and fixtures of a water supply, heating system, or drainage system

synonym : pipefitter, pipeline engineer

(1) **plumber's** wrench, (2) licensed **plumber**

I had to call a **plumber** to fix the leaky faucet in my bathroom.

lotus

n. a type of aquatic plant with large, round, floating leaves and distinctive flowers, often associated with spiritual symbolism and cultural significance in Asia

synonym : water lily, lily pad, nelumbo

(1) **lotus** fragrance, (2) **lotus** petals

The serene pond was adorned with beautiful **lotus** flowers.

Session 2: Spelling

1. home ho____e
n. a specialized care facility or service for terminally ill patients intended to provide comfort and support in the final stages of life; any program, organization, or approach focused on end-of-life care and support
2. ref_____al database
adj. containing or relating to a reference to something or someone else; indicating, representing, or denoting something else
3. a r_g of cloud
n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
4. lo__s petals
n. a type of aquatic plant with large, round, floating leaves and distinctive flowers, often associated with spiritual symbolism and cultural significance in Asia
5. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce
n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
6. wr__h of God
n. extreme anger
7. sen_____al damage
adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
8. phe_____al success
adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

ANSWERS: 1. hospice, 2. referential, 3. rag, 4. lotus, 5. neuroscience, 6. wrath, 7. sentimental, 8. phenomenal

9. ar_____pe symbol *n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
10. ma___t therapy *n.* the larval stage of a fly or other insect, typically characterized by its soft, legless body and often found in decaying organic matter or on living animals
11. a high person's wr__h *n.* extreme anger
12. avoid climate cat_____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
13. pl_____on community *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
14. achieve perfect equ_____ty *n.* a state of calmness, stability, and composure, particularly in the face of stress, adversity, or challenging situations
15. to__n exposure *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
16. the im__o of the butterfly *n.* the final, adult stage of an insect's development that typically follows the larval or pupal stage; (of psychology) an idealized mental image of someone, often a parental figure, that influences a person's behavior

ANSWERS: 9. archetype, 10. maggot, 11. wrath, 12. catastrophe, 13. plankton, 14. equanimity, 15. toxin, 16. imago

17. lo__s fragrance *n.* a type of aquatic plant with large, round, floating leaves and distinctive flowers, often associated with spiritual symbolism and cultural significance in Asia
18. ex_____fy the solution *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
19. phe_____al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
20. r__e the sails of the ship *v.* to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force
21. r__e the stone into precise shapes *v.* to tear or split apart forcefully; to break or divide by a sharp blow or force
22. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
23. official imp_____ur *n.* official approval or endorsement, especially by a person in authority; formal permission or sanction, often given to printed or published material
24. up___d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
25. the imp_____ur of the Catholic Church *n.* official approval or endorsement, especially by a person in authority; formal permission or sanction, often given to printed or published material
26. car_____ng responsibilities *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
27. wo_____us adventure *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

ANSWERS: 17. lotus, 18. exemplify, 19. phenomenal, 20. rive, 21. rive, 22. neuroscience, 23. imprimatur, 24. uphold, 25. imprimatur, 26. caregiving, 27. wondrous

28. ps___e healing *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
29. di____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
30. lose equ_____ty *n.* a state of calmness, stability, and composure, particularly in the face of stress, adversity, or challenging situations
31. no____s gas *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
32. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
33. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
34. pe_____e an atmosphere *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
35. pl_____on blooms *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
36. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
37. fa__t to a question *n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

ANSWERS: 28. psyche, 29. distort, 30. equanimity, 31. noxious, 32. resilient, 33. impoverished, 34. pervade, 35. plankton, 36. catastrophe, 37. facet

38. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
39. ho_____e care *n.* a specialized care facility or service for terminally ill patients intended to provide comfort and support in the final stages of life; any program, organization, or approach focused on end-of-life care and support
40. experienced cl_____an *n.* a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients
41. licensed pl_____r *n.* a person who installs and repairs the pipes and fixtures of a water supply, heating system, or drainage system
42. on the western ou_____rts *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
43. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
44. en_____n a conversation *v.* to make something more interesting, active, or appealing; to give life or energy to something, often by adding new or creative elements
45. up___d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
46. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 38. sentimental, 39. hospice, 40. clinician, 41. plumber, 42. outskirts, 43. aspire, 44. enliven, 45. uphold, 46. mobilize

47. violent psy_____th *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
48. imp_____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
49. en_____n a party *v.* to make something more interesting, active, or appealing; to give life or energy to something, often by adding new or creative elements
50. me_____e allergic reaction *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
51. pa_____is in the leg *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
52. psy_____th tendencies *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
53. from a cl_____an's perspective *n.* a practitioner, especially of medicine or psychology, who has direct contact with patients
54. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 47. psychopath, 48. impoverished, 49. enliven, 50. mediate, 51. paralysis, 52. psychopath, 53. clinician, 54. mobilize

55. ref_____al language *adj.* containing or relating to a reference to something or someone else; indicating, representing, or denoting something else
56. feminine ar_____pe *n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
57. di_____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
58. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
59. in___e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
60. no_____s substances *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
61. im__o development *n.* the final, adult stage of an insect's development that typically follows the larval or pupal stage; (of psychology) an idealized mental image of someone, often a parental figure, that influences a person's behavior
62. ex_____fy the importance *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
63. deep ps___e *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit

ANSWERS: 55. referential, 56. archetype, 57. distort, 58. aspire, 59. infuse, 60. noxious, 61. imago, 62. exemplify, 63. psyche

64. wo____us sight *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
65. car_____ng process *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
66. to__n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
67. me_____e a negotiation *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
68. build in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
69. impaired ey_____ht *n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
70. the ou_____rt of the forest *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
71. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
72. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
73. on terms of in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 64. wondrous, 65. caregiving, 66. toxin, 67. mediate, 68. intimacy, 69. eyesight, 70. outskirts, 71. paralyze, 72. paralyze, 73. intimacy

74. moral pa_____is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
75. r_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
76. pl_____u in performance *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
77. pl_____r's wrench *n.* a person who installs and repairs the pipes and fixtures of a water supply, heating system, or drainage system
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ANSWERS: 74. paralysis, 75. rag, 76. plateau, 77. plumber, 78. infuse, 79. eyesight, 80. maggot, 81. plateau, 82. facet

83. a hard and re_____nt steel

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

84. pe_____e society

v. to spread throughout something; to permeate

ANSWERS: 83. resilient, 84. pervade

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ footnote provided additional information about the source of the data.
adj. containing or relating to a reference to something or someone else; indicating, representing, or denoting something else
2. I had to call a _____ to fix the leaky faucet in my bathroom.
n. a person who installs and repairs the pipes and fixtures of a water supply, heating system, or drainage system
3. The military _____ troops to the border.
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
4. The _____ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.
n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
5. The athlete's _____ performance broke all previous records.
adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding
6. He used an old ____ to clean the grease off the car's engine.
n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
7. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.
n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

ANSWERS: 1. referential, 2. plumber, 3. mobilized, 4. outskirts, 5. phenomenal, 6. rag, 7. catastrophe

8. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.
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10. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.
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n. extreme anger
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15. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her _____ and how to cope with her anxiety.
n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

ANSWERS: 8. infused, 9. wondrous, 10. uphold, 11. imago, 12. mediate, 13. wrath, 14. impoverished, 15. psyche

16. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
- v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
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19. Mold exposure can release dangerous _____ into the air.
- n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
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22. The smell of baking bread _____ the kitchen.
- v. to spread throughout something; to permeate
23. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
- adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

ANSWERS: 16. paralyzed, 17. rive, 18. enliven, 19. toxins, 20. imprimatur, 21. psychopath, 22. pervaded, 23. sentimental

24. The _____ fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.

adj. harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

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v. to serve as a typical example of something

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ANSWERS: 24. noxious, 25. neuroscience, 26. resilient, 27. Plankton, 28. exemplify, 29. clinicians, 30. distort

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33. The serene pond was adorned with beautiful _____ flowers.
n. a type of aquatic plant with large, round, floating leaves and distinctive flowers, often associated with spiritual symbolism and cultural significance in Asia
34. The _____ team includes nurses, social workers, chaplains, and volunteers who work together to provide comprehensive care.
n. a specialized care facility or service for terminally ill patients intended to provide comfort and support in the final stages of life; any program, organization, or approach focused on end-of-life care and support
35. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.
n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
36. The different _____ of his personality make him a complex individual.
n. one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
37. She devoted her life to _____ looking after her aging parents.
n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

ANSWERS: 31. eyesight, 32. plateau, 33. lotus, 34. hospice, 35. intimacy, 36. facets, 37. caregiving,

38. Massive demonstrations lead to total _____ of transportation.
- n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
39. The hero's journey is a common _____ in many myths and stories.
- n.* a very typical example of a certain person or thing; a recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology that represents a universal pattern of human nature
40. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
- v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
41. The _____ infestation in the trash can was a clear sign that we needed to take out the garbage more frequently.
- n.* the larval stage of a fly or other insect, typically characterized by its soft, legless body and often found in decaying organic matter or on living animals
42. The CEO's _____ during the crisis helped reassure the investors and employees.
- n.* a state of calmness, stability, and composure, particularly in the face of stress, adversity, or challenging situations

ANSWERS: 38. paralysis, 39. archetype, 40. aspired, 41. maggot, 42. equanimity