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Session 1: Word List

moral

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

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

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

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

immoral

adj. not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality

synonym: unethical, wicked, corrupt

(1) **immoral** behavior, (2) politically **immoral**

It is **immoral** to cheat on a test.

pluralist

n. a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics,

religion, or society

synonym : advocate, proponent, advocate

(1) political **pluralist**, (2) **pluralist** democracy

The conference was organized by a **pluralist** coalition to represent diverse voices from the community.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym : basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

layer

n. a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

synonym : stratum, sheet, coating

(1) **layer** cake, (2) **layer** of paint

The **layer** of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to

walk on.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym: pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

element

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

synonym: component, feature, essence

(1) new design **elements**, (2) nonmetallic **elements**

Natural selection is an essential **element** in Darwin's theory of evolution.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

dashboard

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

synonym: control panel

(1) auto **dashboard**, (2) business **dashboard**

He noticed that the oil warning light on the **dashboard** of his car had turned on.

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

efficiently

adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

synonym: expeditiously, skillfully, ably

(1) **efficiently** combined, (2) develop software more **efficiently**

We can resolve support requests quickly and **efficiently** by utilization of AI.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the

reconstruction of that country.

restart

v. to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption

synonym: continue, resume, begin anew

(1) **restart** a game, (2) **restart** a nuclear reactor

She tried to **restart** the conversation after the awkward silence.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym: motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

commendable

adj. worthy of praise or approval; deserving of admiration or respect

synonym: applaudable, praiseworthy, laudable

(1) **commendable** effort, (2) **commendable** achievement

His **commendable** actions earned him recognition and praise from his colleagues.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

badge

n. a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

synonym : emblem, insignia

(1) security **badge**, (2) **badge** holder

The police officer flashed his **badge** to prove his identity.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym : kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym : acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

token

n. something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept

synonym: symbol, emblem, representation

(1) digital **token**, (2) **token** payment

As a **token** of appreciation, the teacher gave each student a small gift at the end of the school year.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

endorse

v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something

synonym: approve, support, advocate

(1) **endorse** candidate, (2) **endorse** a check

The celebrity **endorsed** the new product on social media.

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**.

detrimental

adj. causing harm or damage

synonym: harmful, damaging, injurious

(1) **detrimental** eating habits, (2) **detrimental** to good health

The new policy had a **detrimental** impact on small businesses.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

bombard

v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

synonym: bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

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.

connectivity

n. the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other

synonym : linkage, network

(1) digital **connectivity**, (2) global **connectivity**

The hotel offers high-speed internet **connectivity** for all its guests.

preset

v. to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software

synonym : preconfigure, program, prearrange

(1) **preset** not to make a connection, (2) **preset** settings

I always **preset** my coffee maker the night before to have a fresh cup when I wake up.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

empower

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

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

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

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

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

domination

n. the act of having control or power over someone or something

synonym : control, power, rule

(1) fall under foreign **domination**, (2) **domination** power

The **domination** of the Roman Empire over the Mediterranean region lasted for centuries.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

liberal

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

synonym : broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions
He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

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.

optimize

v. to make the best or most effective use of something

synonym: advance, amend, improve

(1) **optimize** a process, (2) **optimize** control for cooling
The essence of economics is to **optimize** the allocation of limited resources.

continuously

adv. without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

synonym: constantly, frequently, always

(1) use one thing **continuously**, (2) **continuously** removed
The country's domestic coal consumption has been **continuously** declining for decades.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot
They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

realization

n. the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible

synonym: achievement, attainment, understanding

(1) **realization** of a concept, (2) harsh **realization**
Her sudden **realization** of her mistake caused her great

regret.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym : ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

persuasive

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

synonym : convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym : persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

headscarf

n. a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons

synonym : hijab, shawl, veil

(1) traditional **headscarf**, (2) **headscarf** cloth

Some women choose to wear a **headscarf** as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

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.

ethical

adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

synonym: honorable, moral, virtuous

(1) an **ethical** doctrine, (2) shoulder **ethical** responsibility

The president must have the highest **ethical** standards.

permissive

adj. allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable

synonym: indulgent, lenient, liberal

(1) assume a **permissive** attitude, (2) **permissive** society

The school has a **permissive** dress code and allows students to wear whatever they want.

donation

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

synonym: contribution, gift, subsidy

(1) make a **donation**, (2) political **donation**

He made a generous **donation** to the charity.

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym: fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

nudge

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

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

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

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

ethics

n. a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

synonym : morals, principles, moralities

(1) political **ethics**, (2) **ethics** of journalism

This scripture provides the code of **ethics** for the religion.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym : convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym : integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

excellence

n. the quality of being extremely good

synonym : distinction, goodness, superiority

(1) **excellence** in product design, (2) highest standards of **excellence**

He has also won many marketing **excellence** awards.

essay

n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

synonym : paper, commentary, report

(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**

The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with

software.

vivid

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

synonym : intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) **vivid** colors, (2) still **vivid** in my memory

She made a **vivid** impression.

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.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym : element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym: glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

shiver

v. to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly

synonym: quiver, tremble, shake

(1) **shiver** with delight, (2) **shiver** in fear

I **shiver** in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.

convey

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

synonym: communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

refrain

v. to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action

synonym : abstain, desist, forgo

(1) **refrain** from alcohol, (2) **refrain** from religious activity

He **refrained** from commenting on the controversial topic.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

materialize

v. to become actual or real; to take physical form or shape; to appear or come into existence in a tangible way

synonym : appear, manifest, emerge

(1) **materialize** a cease-fire, (2) **materialize** in the dimness

The expected profits from their new venture did not **materialize** as predicted.

morality

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

synonym : decency, rectitude, righteousness

(1) business **morality**, (2) sense of **morality**

She found fault with the **morality** of politicians.

organ

n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

synonym: function, structure

(1) **organ** bleeding, (2) damage to internal **organs**

These infections have the potential to impact practically every **organ** system.

existence

n. the state or fact of someone or something existing

synonym: fact, being, reality

(1) the biggest tree in **existence**, (2) the struggle for **existence**

He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the **existence** of heaven or hell.

innocuous

adj. not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

synonym: harmless, innocent, benign

(1) **innocuous** joke, (2) **innocuous** substance

The spider in the corner of the room seemed **innocuous**, but it made her uneasy.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

consent

n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

synonym: approval, authorization, concession

(1) **consent** for surgery, (2) give silent **consent**

She gave her **consent** to the company's proposal.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

classic

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

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

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

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

conspicuous

adj. visible or observable; likely to draw attention

synonym : apparent, noticeable, evident

(1) a **conspicuous** achievement, (2) **conspicuous** consumption

Her golden hair was **conspicuous** in China.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym : usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

humongous

adj. extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big

synonym : gigantic, enormous, colossal

(1) **humongous** appetite, (2) **humongous** amount

The new office building was **humongous** and could fit

hundreds of employees comfortably.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

buster

n. a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken

synonym : breaker, destroyer, crusher

(1) crime- **buster**, (2) bug **buster**

The stress- **buster** meditation helped me relax and calm my nerves.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**

Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

axiom

n. a statement or principle that is regarded as being self-evidently true and does not require proof or justification; a fundamental truth upon which other truths or theories are based

synonym : principle, maxim, postulate

(1) self-evident **axiom**, (2) fundamental **axiom**

It is an **axiom** in mathematics that two parallel lines never intersect.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

burnout

n. the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking

synonym: breakdown, exhaustion, fatigue

(1) **burnout** syndrome, (2) mental **burnout**

He suffered from job **burnout** because of hard work.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
2. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
3. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
4. uni____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
5. a tr____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
6. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
7. a co____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
8. pr____t settings *v.* to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software
9. phi____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
10. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 1. convince, 2. empower, 3. ultimate, 4. unintended, 5. tradition, 6. flip, 7. constant, 8. preset, 9. philosophy, 10. discuss

11. digital con_____ity *n.* the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other
12. pl_____st democracy *n.* a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society
13. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
14. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
15. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
16. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
17. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
18. fundamental ax__m *n.* a statement or principle that is regarded as being self-evidently true and does not require proof or justification; a fundamental truth upon which other truths or theories are based
19. com_____le effort *adj.* worthy of praise or approval; deserving of admiration or respect

ANSWERS: 11. connectivity, 12. pluralist, 13. fuel, 14. quest, 15. judge, 16. vision, 17. communicate, 18. axiom, 19. commendable

20. sh___r in fear *v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
21. pr___t not to make a connection *v.* to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software
22. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
23. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
24. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
25. bug bu___r *n.* a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
26. em_____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
27. con_____sly removed *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
28. in_____us joke *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
29. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
30. an air-cooled en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

ANSWERS: 20. shiver, 21. preset, 22. empower, 23. philosophy, 24. psychology, 25. buster, 26. embedded, 27. continuously, 28. innocuous, 29. weird, 30. engine

31. st____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
32. bo____d a fort with heavy shells *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
33. en____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
34. in____us substance *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
35. develop software more eff____ly *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
36. re____t a nuclear reactor *v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
37. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
38. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
39. Chinese cl____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
40. global con____ity *n.* the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other

ANSWERS: 31. start-up, 32. bombard, 33. encourage, 34. innocuous, 35. efficiently, 36. restart, 37. posit, 38. peel, 39. classic, 40. connectivity

41. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
42. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
43. 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
44. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
45. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
46. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
47. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
48. a li_____l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
49. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
50. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
51. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

ANSWERS: 41. aspiration, 42. nudge, 43. argument, 44. moral, 45. compete, 46. combine, 47. modern, 48. liberal, 49. core, 50. necessarily, 51. devise

52. highest standards of exc_____ce *n.* the quality of being extremely good
53. eff_____ly combined *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
54. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
55. et___s of journalism *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
56. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
57. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
58. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
59. political et___s *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
60. attempt to pe_____de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
61. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
62. harsh rea_____on *n.* the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible

ANSWERS: 52. excellence, 53. efficiently, 54. radical, 55. ethics, 56. consequence, 57. flip, 58. convince, 59. ethics, 60. persuade, 61. motivation, 62. realization

63. he_____rf cloth *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
64. hu_____us amount *adj.* extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big
65. 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
66. a steam en_____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
67. op_____ze control for cooling *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
68. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
69. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
70. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
71. a prodigious vi_____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
72. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
73. sense of mo_____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

ANSWERS: 63. headscarf, 64. humongous, 65. argument, 66. engine, 67. optimize, 68. mindset, 69. consumption, 70. principle, 71. vision, 72. sustainable, 73. morality

74. co___y a complex idea *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
75. joint rec_____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
76. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
77. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
78. business da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
79. to___n payment *n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept
80. the biggest tree in ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
81. political pl_____st *n.* a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society
82. business mo_____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

ANSWERS: 74. convey, 75. recognition, 76. modern, 77. combine, 78. dashboard, 79. token, 80. existence, 81. pluralist, 82. morality

83. pe____de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
84. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
85. all ability to mo____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
86. an et____l doctrine *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
87. traditional he_____rf *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
88. political do____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
89. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
90. re____n from alcohol *v.* to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action
91. security ba__e *n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
92. acquire a vi___e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
93. score the SAT es__ys *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

ANSWERS: 83. persuade, 84. consumption, 85. motivate, 86. ethical, 87. headscarf, 88. donation, 89. silent, 90. refrain, 91. badge, 92. virtue, 93. essay

94. en____e a check *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
95. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
96. not nec____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
97. con____us consumption *adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention
98. new design el____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
99. early-stage st____up *n.* a newly established company or business
100. rea____on of a concept *n.* the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible
101. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
102. politically im____l *adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
103. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
104. re____n from religious activity *v.* to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action
105. co____y goods by truck *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

ANSWERS: 94. endorse, 95. fuel, 96. necessarily, 97. conspicuous, 98. element, 99. start-up, 100. realization, 101. peel, 102. immoral, 103. ancient, 104. refrain, 105. convey

106. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
107. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
108. br_____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
109. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
110. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
111. mat_____ze a cease-fire *v.* to become actual or real; to take physical form or shape; to appear or come into existence in a tangible way
112. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
113. damage to internal or____ns *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
114. vi____e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
115. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
116. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
117. mat_____ze in the dimness *v.* to become actual or real; to take physical form or shape; to appear or come into existence in a tangible way
118. per_____ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

ANSWERS: 106. component, 107. environment, 108. broaden, 109. ultimate, 110. sustainable, 111. materialize, 112. constant, 113. organ, 114. virtue, 115. moral, 116. core, 117. materialize, 118. persuasive

119. br_____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
120. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
121. give si____t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
122. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
123. electronic de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
124. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
125. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
126. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
127. an emotional ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
128. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
129. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

ANSWERS: 119. broaden, 120. unintended, 121. silent, 122. classic, 123. device, 124. mindset, 125. principle, 126. eventually, 127. judgment, 128. encourage, 129. radical

130. give silent co_____t *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
131. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
132. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
133. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
134. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
135. re_____t a game *v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
136. co_____t for surgery *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
137. mental bu_____t *n.* the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking
138. fall under foreign dom_____on *n.* the act of having control or power over someone or something
139. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 130. consent, 131. practical, 132. recognition, 133. weird, 134. device, 135. restart, 136. consent, 137. burnout, 138. domination, 139. engage

140. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
141. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
142. the struggle for ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
143. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
144. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
145. the in____t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
146. det_____al to good health *adj.* causing harm or damage
147. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
148. en_____e candidate *v.* to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
149. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
150. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
151. hu_____us appetite *adj.* extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big

ANSWERS: 140. translate, 141. communicate, 142. existence, 143. initial, 144. intention, 145. intent, 146. detrimental, 147. determinant, 148. endorse, 149. obvious, 150. par, 151. humongous

152. 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
153. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
154. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
155. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
156. sh___r with delight *v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
157. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
158. digital to__n *n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept
159. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
160. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
161. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
162. be___n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
163. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 152. bias, 153. component, 154. initial, 155. individual, 156. shiver, 157. posit, 158. token, 159. psychology, 160. motivation, 161. devise, 162. benign, 163. engage

164. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
165. a desirable ou____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
166. im____l behavior *adj.* not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
167. unintended con____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
168. auto da____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
169. eve____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
170. under li____l conditions *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
171. the wel____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
172. la__r cake *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
173. still vi__d in my memory *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

ANSWERS: 164. discuss, 165. outcome, 166. immoral, 167. consequence, 168. dashboard, 169. eventually, 170. liberal, 171. well-being, 172. layer, 173. vivid

174. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
175. de_____t on the mortgage *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
176. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
177. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
178. nonmetallic el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
179. a be___n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
180. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
181. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
182. an associate ju___e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 174. intent, 175. default, 176. environment, 177. obvious, 178. element, 179. benign, 180. practical, 181. well-being, 182. judge

183. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
184. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
185. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
186. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
187. de_____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
188. ba__e holder *n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
189. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

ANSWERS: 183. lens, 184. translate, 185. embedded, 186. norm, 187. default, 188. badge, 189. nudge

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| 190. clear in_____on | <i>n.</i> | something you want to do and are going to do |
| 191. dom_____on power | <i>n.</i> | the act of having control or power over someone or something |
| 192. or__n bleeding | <i>n.</i> | a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job |
| 193. de_____cy advocate | <i>n.</i> | a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so |
| 194. ind_____al freedom | <i>n.</i> | a single person or thing, as distinct from a group |
| 195. co_____e fiercely | <i>v.</i> | to strive to achieve more success than someone or something |
| 196. crime-bu____r | <i>n.</i> | a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken |
| 197. environmental det_____nt | <i>n.</i> | a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 198. no asp_____on for fame | <i>n.</i> | a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath |
| 199. principles of de_____cy | <i>n.</i> | a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so |
| 200. a con_____us achievement | <i>adj.</i> | visible or observable; likely to draw attention |

ANSWERS: 190. intention, 191. domination, 192. organ, 193. democracy, 194. individual, 195. compete, 196. buster, 197. determinant, 198. aspiration, 199. democracy, 200. conspicuous

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| 201. la__r of paint | <i>n.</i> a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas |
| 202. det_____al eating habits | <i>adj.</i> causing harm or damage |
| 203. su_____e you're right | <i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible |
| 204. use one thing con_____sly | <i>adv.</i> without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly |
| 205. bu_____t syndrome | <i>n.</i> the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking |
| 206. self-evident ax__m | <i>n.</i> a statement or principle that is regarded as being self-evidently true and does not require proof or justification; a fundamental truth upon which other truths or theories are based |
| 207. exc_____ce in product design | <i>n.</i> the quality of being extremely good |
| 208. op_____ze a process | <i>v.</i> to make the best or most effective use of something |
| 209. b__s against a big company | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment |
| 210. n__m of action | <i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard |
| 211. above p_r performance | <i>n.</i> a state of being equal to someone or something |
| 212. make a do_____on | <i>n.</i> a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them |

ANSWERS: 201. layer, 202. detrimental, 203. suppose, 204. continuously, 205. burnout, 206. axiom, 207. excellence, 208. optimize, 209. bias, 210. norm, 211. par, 212. donation

213. bo_____d him with questions *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
214. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
215. a convex l____s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
216. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
217. per_____ve society *adj.* allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable
218. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
219. assume a per_____ve attitude *adj.* allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable
220. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
221. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 213. bombard, 214. motivate, 215. lens, 216. quest, 217. permissive, 218. ancient, 219. permissive, 220. judgment, 221. outcome

222. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
223. per____ve advertising *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
224. thoughtful es__y *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
225. com____le achievement *adj.* worthy of praise or approval; deserving of admiration or respect
226. shoulder et____l responsibility *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
227. vi__d colors *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
228. against tr____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 222. suppose, 223. persuasive, 224. essay, 225. commendable, 226. ethical, 227. vivid, 228. tradition

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Some women choose to wear a _____ as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.
 - n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons

2. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
 - n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

3. He made a generous _____ to the charity.
 - n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

4. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
 - v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

5. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
 - n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

6. The _____ of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.
 - n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

7. This scripture provides the code of _____ for the religion.
 - n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

ANSWERS: 1. headscarf, 2. engine, 3. donation, 4. engaged, 5. fuel, 6. layer, 7. ethics

8. This accident was something that happened _____.
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
9. The stress-_____ meditation helped me relax and calm my nerves.
n. a person or thing that breaks or causes something to be broken
10. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
11. Ethics is a branch of _____.
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
12. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
13. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.
adj. not planned or meant
14. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
15. She made a _____ impression.
adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

ANSWERS: 8. necessarily, 9. buster, 10. ancient, 11. philosophy, 12. initial, 13. unintended, 14. judge, 15. vivid

16. As a _____ of appreciation, the teacher gave each student a small gift at the end of the school year.

n. something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept

17. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

18. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

19. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

20. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

21. I _____ in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.

v. to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly

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

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

23. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

ANSWERS: 16. token, 17. weird, 18. sustainable, 19. environment, 20. Constant, 21. shiver, 22. norms, 23. mindset

24. Her sudden _____ of her mistake caused her great regret.
- n.* the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible
25. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
- v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
26. I always _____ my coffee maker the night before to have a fresh cup when I wake up.
- v.* to set or adjust something beforehand, often about electronic or technological devices or systems; (noun) a preconfigured setting or adjustment that is programmed into a device, system, or software
27. We can resolve support requests quickly and _____ by utilization of AI.
- adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
28. An ironic remark often _____ an intended meaning obliquely.
- v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
29. He is _____ in his thoughts.
- adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
30. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
- n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
31. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

ANSWERS: 24. realization, 25. flipped, 26. preset, 27. efficiently, 28. conveys, 29. liberal, 30. par, 31. vision

32. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
33. _____ 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
34. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
35. The spider in the corner of the room seemed _____ but it made her uneasy.
- adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
36. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
37. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
- v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
38. He has also won many marketing _____ awards.
- n.* the quality of being extremely good
39. These infections have the potential to impact practically every _____ system.
- n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

ANSWERS: 32. component, 33. Democracy, 34. device, 35. innocuous, 36. intent, 37. posit, 38. excellence, 39. organ

40. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.
- v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
41. The conference was organized by a _____ coalition to represent diverse voices from the community.
- n.* a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society
42. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
- adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
43. It is an _____ in mathematics that two parallel lines never intersect.
- n.* a statement or principle that is regarded as being self-evidently true and does not require proof or justification; a fundamental truth upon which other truths or theories are based
44. The police officer flashed his _____ to prove his identity.
- n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
45. 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

ANSWERS: 40. default, 41. pluralist, 42. classic, 43. axiom, 44. badge, 45. bias

46. Overprotective parents often _____ their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.
- v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
47. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
- adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something
48. The _____ of the Roman Empire over the Mediterranean region lasted for centuries.
- n. the act of having control or power over someone or something
49. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
50. He suffered from job _____ because of hard work.
- n. the state of being exceedingly exhausted or unwell, either physically or mentally, as a result of overworking
51. It is _____ to cheat on a test.
- adj. not conforming to accepted society's standards of honesty or morality
52. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.
- v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
53. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.
- adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

ANSWERS: 46. bombard, 47. embedded, 48. domination, 49. communicate, 50. burnout, 51. immoral, 52. broadened, 53. benign,

54. 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
55. The celebrity _____ the new product on social media.
v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
56. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.
v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
57. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
58. The new policy had a _____ impact on small businesses.
adj. causing harm or damage
59. She tried to _____ the conversation after the awkward silence.
v. to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
60. His _____ actions earned him recognition and praise from his colleagues.
adj. worthy of praise or approval; deserving of admiration or respect
61. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.
n. a newly established company or business
62. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

ANSWERS: 54. argument, 55. endorsed, 56. persuade, 57. outcome, 58. detrimental, 59. restart, 60. commendable, 61. start-up, 62. cores

63. She gave her _____ to the company's proposal.

n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

64. He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the _____ of heaven or hell.

n. the state or fact of someone or something existing

65. The essence of economics is to _____ the allocation of limited resources.

v. to make the best or most effective use of something

66. The new office building was _____ and could fit hundreds of employees comfortably.

adj. extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big

67. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

68. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

69. He noticed that the oil warning light on the _____ of his car had turned on.

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

ANSWERS: 63. consent, 64. existence, 65. optimize, 66. humongous, 67. lens, 68. encouraged, 69. dashboard

70. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
71. She had many good _____ and few faults.
n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
72. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
73. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
74. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
75. The Chief editor checks all _____ for plagiarism with software.
n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
76. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
77. The hotel offers high-speed internet _____ for all its guests.
n. the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other

ANSWERS: 70. obvious, 71. virtues, 72. suppose, 73. discuss, 74. individual, 75. essays, 76. eventually, 77. connectivity

78. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
79. He made a _____ argument for the new policy.
adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
80. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
81. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
82. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
83. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
84. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
85. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
86. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.
v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

ANSWERS: 78. devise, 79. persuasive, 80. radical, 81. principle, 82. compete, 83. Translate, 84. combine, 85. well-being, 86. nudged

87. The country's domestic coal consumption has been _____ declining for decades.

adv. without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

88. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

89. Natural selection is an essential _____ in Darwin's theory of evolution.

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

90. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

91. He has an _____ to become a doctor.

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

92. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

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

93. Her golden hair was _____ in China.

adj. visible or observable; likely to draw attention

94. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

95. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

ANSWERS: 87. continuously, 88. consumption, 89. element, 90. quest, 91. aspiration, 92. empowered, 93. conspicuous, 94. peeled, 95. motivation

96. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
97. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
98. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
99. The president must have the highest _____ standards.
- adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
100. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
101. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
- adj.* without any or little sound
102. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
103. The school has a _____ dress code and allows students to wear whatever they want.
- adj.* allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable

ANSWERS: 96. consequences, 97. determinant, 98. tradition, 99. ethical, 100. modern, 101. silent, 102. ultimate, 103. permissive

104. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

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

105. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

106. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

107. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

108. The expected profits from their new venture did not _____ as predicted.

v. to become actual or real; to take physical form or shape; to appear or come into existence in a tangible way

109. He _____ from commenting on the controversial topic.

v. to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action

110. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

111. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

112. She found fault with the _____ of politicians.

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

ANSWERS: 104. moral, 105. psychology, 106. motivate, 107. recognition, 108. materialize, 109. refrained, 110. judgments, 111. convince, 112. morality

113. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

114. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

ANSWERS: 113. intentions, 114. practical