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Session 1: Word List

divergence

n. the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal

synonym: divergency, deviation, discrepancy

(1) **divergence** angle, (2) ideological **divergence**

The **divergence** in opinions among the team members led to a delay in completing the project.

capita

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

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

motherland

n. a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated

synonym: homeland, fatherland, native land

(1) **motherland** defenders, (2) songs of **motherland**

He always spoke proudly of his **motherland** during the war.

metropole

n. the main hub or central city of a country or region; the principal city or urban center of a metropolitan area or a colony

synonym : capital, metropolis, urban center

(1) **metropole** influence, (2) cultural **metropole**

Due to its rich cultural heritage, the thriving **metropole** region attracts millions of tourists yearly.

imp

n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

synonym : demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

preexist

v. to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before

synonym : antedate, precede

(1) **preexist** the modern city, (2) **preexist** the current political tensions

The idea for the novel **preexisted** as fragments of a dream in the author's mind.

Ottoman

n. a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table

synonym : Turkish Empire, footstool

(1) **Ottoman** Empire, (2) **ottoman** furniture

The **Ottoman** Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.

zenith

n. the highest point or peak; the point in the sky directly above the observer; the culmination or apex of something

synonym :

pinnacle, peak, summit

(1) **zenith** of success, (2) **zenith** of popularity

Reaching the **zenith** of his career was a long and difficult climb, but it was worth it.

colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym: settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

lexicographer

n. a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases

synonym: lexicologist, dictionary maker

(1) academic **lexicographer**, (2) famous **lexicographer**

The well-respected **lexicographer** published an innovative new dictionary that redefined the way words are defined

conquest

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

synonym: subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

belated

adj. happening or arriving late or after the expected or desired time; delayed or deferred beyond an appropriate or acceptable point

synonym: late, delayed, overdue

(1) **belated** apology, (2) **belated** birthday wishes

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I had to send a **belated** response to your email.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

victorious

adj. being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.

synonym : triumphant, winning

(1) the **victorious** entry, (2) the **victorious** army

The **victorious** troops marched back to their homeland.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

peninsula

n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

synonym : cape, foreland

(1) the tip of the **peninsula**, (2) the Arab **peninsula**

That **peninsula** was an essential base for the country's defense.

admittedly

adv. used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly

synonym : notably, honestly, truly

(1) **admittedly** true, (2) **admittedly** controversial

The book was **admittedly** difficult to follow but still worth reading.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym: moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

synthesize

v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

synonym: incorporate, amalgamate

(1) **synthesize** molecules, (2) **synthesize** information

The spider can **synthesize** multiple different silk proteins.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

monolithic

adj. characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
synonym: massive, monumental, hulking

(1) **monolithic** block, (2) **monolithic** system

Big technology companies try to integrate customers' data into **monolithic** applications.

standardize

v. to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

synonym: uniform, systemize, homogenize

(1) **standardize** a language, (2) **standardize** administrative practices

The company **standardized** its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym: learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

- writ** *n.* a written legal order or command
synonym: legal document, order, legal process
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- Newtonian** *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
synonym: classical, physics, mechanics
(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics
The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.
- ballistic** *adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control
synonym: furious, explosive, enraged
(1) **ballistic** missile, (2) **ballistic** vest
The boss went **ballistic** when he found out we missed the deadline.
- artillery** *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
synonym: guns, cannons, ordnance
(1) **artillery** fire, (2) coastal **artillery**
The army brought in heavier **artillery** to break through the enemy defenses.
- demolish** *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
synonym: destroy, wreck, level
(1) **demolish** a myth, (2) **demolish** a bridge
The city decided to **demolish** the old, unsafe building and build a new one.

observatory

n. a building designed and equipped to observe the planets, the stars, the weather, etc.

(1) space **observatory**, (2) a meteorological **observatory**

That astronomical **observatory** stands at the top of the mountain.

blasphemy

n. action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

synonym: desecration, impiety, heresy

(1) commit **blasphemy**, (2) **blasphemy** against the law

It is **blasphemy** to say such a thing.

indenture

n. a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service

synonym: contract, covenant, agreement

(1) **indenture** agreement, (2) legal **indenture**

The legal contract included an **indenture** that stipulated the responsibilities of each party.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

Conquistador

n. a Spanish conqueror of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries

synonym: explorer, adventurer, colonizer

(1) **Conquistador** invasion, (2) **Conquistador** conquest

The Spanish **conquistadors** were explorers and conquerors who claimed much of the Americas for their country.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym : drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

protestant

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

synonym : reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

overtake

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

synonym : surpass, outstrip, catch up with

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

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

predominance

n. the state or condition of being dominant, prevalent, or more powerful or influential than others; the act or process of being in control or having authority or

superiority over something or someone

synonym: dominance, superiority, ascendancy

(1) global **predominance**, (2) military **predominance**

The **predominance** of fast-food restaurants in the area has increased obesity rates.

systematize

v. to organize, arrange, or establish something according to a specific system or method; to structure or regulate a process or procedure in an orderly and efficient manner

synonym: organize, arrange, structure

(1) **systematize** the process, (2) **systematize** information

The manager decided to **systematize** the workflow to ensure better efficiency and productivity.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

fateful

adj. having great or significant consequences; decisive or momentous in shaping the future; often refers to an event that is believed to be predetermined or marked by destiny

synonym: decisive, momentous, pivotal

(1) **fateful** decision, (2) **fateful** event

Their **fateful** encounter set into motion events that would change their lives forever.

despot

n. a ruler with absolute power, especially one who abuses that power.

synonym: tyrant, autocrat, dictator

(1) evil **despot**, (2) the **despot's** reign

The country's people lived under the **despot's** rule for many years, enduring abuse and persecution.

- riot**
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
- synonym* : disturbance, unrest, upheaval
- (1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas
- The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- tyranny**
- n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
- synonym* : despotism, oppression, dictatorship
- (1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority
- The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.
- harass**
- v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
- synonym* : pester, annoy, bother
- (1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism
- She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- mojo**
- n.* personal magic or charm that gives someone a sense of power, good luck, or confidence; a quality of being attractive, confident, and effective
- synonym* : charm, magic, charisma
- (1) **mojo** energy, (2) **mojo** charisma
- He believed that his lucky **mojo** would help him win the big game.
- convergent**
- adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
- synonym* :

merging, meeting

(1) **convergent** beam, (2) **convergent** thinking

The similarities between the two cultures suggest **convergent** evolution.

crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

synonym: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

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.

ascendancy

n. the state or condition of being in a position of power, influence, or dominance; the condition of having superiority or control over others

synonym: dominance, control, supremacy

(1) political **ascendancy**, (2) the **ascendancy** of technology

During the period, the ruling monarch had complete **ascendancy** over the kingdom.

Session 2: Spelling

1. syn_____ze molecules *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
2. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
3. con_____nt beam *adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
4. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
5. 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
6. ze___h of success *n.* the highest point or peak; the point in the sky directly above the observer; the culmination or apex of something
7. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
8. pr___l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
9. space obs_____ry *n.* a building designed and equipped to observe the planets, the stars, the weather, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. synthesize, 2. smartphone, 3. convergent, 4. writ, 5. facet, 6. zenith, 7. blacksmith, 8. propel, 9. observatory

10. the de___t's reign *n.* a ruler with absolute power, especially one who abuses that power.
11. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
12. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
13. began to cr_____e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
14. me_____le influence *n.* the main hub or central city of a country or region; the principal city or urban center of a metropolitan area or a colony
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16. mon_____ic system *adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
17. ar_____ry fire *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
18. m__o charisma *n.* personal magic or charm that gives someone a sense of power, good luck, or confidence; a quality of being attractive, confident, and effective

ANSWERS: 10. despot, 11. medicinal, 12. harass, 13. crumble, 14. metropole, 15. synthesize, 16. monolithic, 17. artillery, 18. mojo

19. co_____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
20. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
21. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
22. pro_____nt theology *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
23. legal in_____re *n.* a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service
24. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
25. sta_____ze a language *v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
26. Con_____dor invasion *n.* a Spanish conqueror of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries

ANSWERS: 19. colonize, 20. germ, 21. ancestor, 22. protestant, 23. indenture, 24. invade, 25. standardize, 26. Conquistador

27. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
28. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
29. make a co____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
30. be____d apology *adj.* happening or arriving late or after the expected or desired time; delayed or deferred beyond an appropriate or acceptable point
31. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
32. mon_____ic block *adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
33. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
34. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
35. sta_____ze administrative practices *v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

ANSWERS: 27. Christ, 28. institutionalize, 29. conquest, 30. belated, 31. app, 32. monolithic, 33. numb, 34. Christ, 35. standardize

36. fa____l decision *adj.* having great or significant consequences; decisive or momentous in shaping the future; often refers to an event that is believed to be predetermined or marked by destiny
37. sys_____ze the process *v.* to organize, arrange, or establish something according to a specific system or method; to structure or regulate a process or procedure in an orderly and efficient manner
38. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
39. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
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ANSWERS: 36. fateful, 37. systematize, 38. explode, 39. riot, 40. numb, 41. preexist, 42. overtake, 43. germ

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50. de___n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
51. ba_____ic vest *adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control

ANSWERS: 44. mojo, 45. institutionalize, 46. lexicographer, 47. indenture, 48. blasphemy, 49. predominance, 50. detain, 51. ballistic

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61. ty____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
62. behave like an i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
63. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
64. the asc_____cy of technology *n.* the state or condition of being in a position of power, influence, or dominance; the condition of having superiority or control over others
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ANSWERS: 60. memorize, 61. tyranny, 62. imp, 63. smartphone, 64. ascendancy, 65. ancestor, 66. zenith, 67. admittedly, 68. riot

69. imperial co____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
70. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
71. coastal ar____ry *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
72. Ne____an physics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
73. Ot____n Empire *n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
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75. co____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
76. in____e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

ANSWERS: 69. conquest, 70. writ, 71. artillery, 72. Newtonian, 73. Ottoman, 74. motherland, 75. colonize, 76. invade

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78. professional et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
79. the vic_____us army *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
80. a meteorological obs_____ry *n.* a building designed and equipped to observe the planets, the stars, the weather, etc.
81. the Arab pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
82. pr_____st the current political tensions *v.* to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before
83. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
84. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
85. commit bl_____my *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

ANSWERS: 77. fateful, 78. ethic, 79. victorious, 80. observatory, 81. peninsula, 82. preexist, 83. capita, 84. descend, 85. blasphemy

86. Con_____dor conquest *n.* a Spanish conqueror of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries
87. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
88. Ne_____an mechanics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
89. a little i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
90. academic lex_____her *n.* a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases
91. cr_____e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
92. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
93. cultural me_____le *n.* the main hub or central city of a country or region; the principal city or urban center of a metropolitan area or a colony
94. the vic_____us entry *adj.* being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
95. hard-line Pro_____nt *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

ANSWERS: 86. Conquistador, 87. memorize, 88. Newtonian, 89. imp, 90. lexicographer, 91. crumble, 92. descend, 93. metropole, 94. victorious, 95. protestant

96. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
97. ha____s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
98. adm_____ly controversial *adv.* used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly
99. ot_____n furniture *n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
100. military pre_____nce *n.* the state or condition of being dominant, prevalent, or more powerful or influential than others; the act or process of being in control or having authority or superiority over something or someone
101. songs of mot_____nd *n.* a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated
102. div_____ce angle *n.* the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal

ANSWERS: 96. explode, 97. harass, 98. admittedly, 99. Ottoman, 100. predominance, 101. motherland, 102. divergence

103. the agricultural yield per ca___a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
104. important fa__t *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
105. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
106. ideological div_____ce *n.* the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal
107. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
108. con_____nt thinking *adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
109. brutal ty_____y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
110. de_____sh a bridge *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something

ANSWERS: 103. capita, 104. facet, 105. propel, 106. divergence, 107. blacksmith, 108. convergent, 109. tyranny, 110. demolish

111. moral et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
112. de___n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
113. the tip of the pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
114. political asc_____cy *n.* the state or condition of being in a position of power, influence, or dominance; the condition of having superiority or control over others

ANSWERS: 111. ethic, 112. detain, 113. peninsula, 114. ascendancy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.
 - v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

2. The legal contract included an _____ that stipulated the responsibilities of each party.
 - n.* a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service

3. The company _____ its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.
 - v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

4. The similarities between the two cultures suggest _____ evolution.
 - adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge

5. He always spoke proudly of his _____ during the war.
 - n.* a term used to refer to one's country of birth or origin, especially in a patriotic or emotional context; the land where one's ancestors or family originated

6. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
 - n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 1. overtake, 2. indenture, 3. standardized, 4. convergent, 5. motherland, 6. riots

7. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
8. The _____ troops marched back to their homeland.
adj. being the winner in a game, competition, election, war, etc.
9. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
10. That _____ was an essential base for the country's defense.
n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
11. Their _____ encounter set into motion events that would change their lives forever.
adj. having great or significant consequences; decisive or momentous in shaping the future; often refers to an event that is believed to be predetermined or marked by destiny
12. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
13. It is _____ to say such a thing.
n. action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
14. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 7. capita, 8. victorious, 9. Christmas, 10. peninsula, 11. fateful, 12. blacksmith, 13. blasphemy, 14. harassed

15. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.

- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

16. That astronomical _____ stands at the top of the mountain.

- n.* a building designed and equipped to observe the planets, the stars, the weather, etc.

17. The city decided to _____ the old, unsafe building and build a new one.

- v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something

18. The book was _____ difficult to follow but still worth reading.

- adv.* used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly

19. 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

20. The motion of planets can be described using _____ mechanics.

- adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

21. The boss went _____ when he found out we missed the deadline.

- adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control

22. The old building was starting to _____ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

- v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

ANSWERS: 15. invade, 16. observatory, 17. demolish, 18. admittedly, 19. facets, 20. Newtonian, 21. ballistic, 22. crumble

23. The Spanish _____ were explorers and conquerors who claimed much of the Americas for their country.
- n.* a Spanish conqueror of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries
24. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
25. The country was ruled by a _____ that oppressed its citizens.
- n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
26. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
27. Having a strong work _____ is important for success in any field.
- n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
28. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
- v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
29. He believed that his lucky _____ would help him win the big game.
- n.* personal magic or charm that gives someone a sense of power, good luck, or confidence; a quality of being attractive, confident, and effective

ANSWERS: 23. conquistadors, 24. descended, 25. tyranny, 26. numb, 27. ethic, 28. propel, 29. mojo

30. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
31. The idea for the novel _____ as fragments of a dream in the author's mind.
- v.* to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before
32. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
- v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
33. The _____ Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.
- n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
34. Reaching the _____ of his career was a long and difficult climb, but it was worth it.
- n.* the highest point or peak; the point in the sky directly above the observer; the culmination or apex of something
35. The _____ of fast-food restaurants in the area has increased obesity rates.
- n.* the state or condition of being dominant, prevalent, or more powerful or influential than others; the act or process of being in control or having authority or superiority over something or someone
36. Due to its rich cultural heritage, the thriving _____ region attracts millions of tourists yearly.
- n.* the main hub or central city of a country or region; the principal city or urban center of a metropolitan area or a colony

ANSWERS: 30. app's, 31. preexisted, 32. memorize, 33. Ottoman, 34. zenith, 35. predominance, 36. metropole

37. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.
v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
38. Big technology companies try to integrate customers' data into _____ applications.
adj. characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
39. During the period, the ruling monarch had complete _____ over the kingdom.
n. the state or condition of being in a position of power, influence, or dominance; the condition of having superiority or control over others
40. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
41. The _____ church was the dominant religion in the area.
adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
42. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
43. The army brought in heavier _____ to break through the enemy defenses.
n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
44. The spider can _____ multiple different silk proteins.
v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

ANSWERS: 37. detained, 38. monolithic, 39. ascendancy, 40. germ, 41. Protestant, 42. ancestor, 43. artillery, 44. synthesize

45. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
46. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
47. The manager decided to _____ the workflow to ensure better efficiency and productivity.
- v. to organize, arrange, or establish something according to a specific system or method; to structure or regulate a process or procedure in an orderly and efficient manner
48. The mischievous ____ caused trouble wherever it went.
- n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
49. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
- n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
50. The country's people lived under the _____ rule for many years, enduring abuse and persecution.
- n. a ruler with absolute power, especially one who abuses that power.
51. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n. a written legal order or command

ANSWERS: 45. institutionalize, 46. medicinal, 47. systematize, 48. imp, 49. smartphones, 50. despot's, 51. writ

52. He continued to grow his empire through _____.

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

53. The _____ in opinions among the team members led to a delay in completing the project.

n. the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal

54. Due to unforeseen circumstances, I had to send a _____ response to your email.

adj. happening or arriving late or after the expected or desired time; delayed or deferred beyond an appropriate or acceptable point

55. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

56. The well-respected _____ published an innovative new dictionary that redefined the way words are defined

n. a person who compiles or edits dictionaries, often by studying and documenting the meanings, origins, and usage of words and phrases

57. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

ANSWERS: 52. conquest, 53. divergence, 54. belated, 55. colonized, 56. lexicographer, 57. exploded