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Session 1: Word List

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

hesitation

n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

synonym: unwillingness, indecision, uncertainty

(1) perform without **hesitation**, (2) after some **hesitation**

There was a **hesitation** in her speech.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym: successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

contraception

n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization

procedures

(1) hormonal **contraception**, (2) **contraception** pills

Condoms are a common method of **contraception** that both men and women can use.

paralysis

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

synonym: immobility, stiffness, palsy

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

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

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

populous

adj. having a large population; densely or heavily populated; inhabited by many people

synonym: crowded, populated, teeming

(1) **populous** metropolis, (2) **populous** country

The country's most **populous** cities all are located along the coastline.

contraceptive

adj. relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

synonym: preventive, prophylactic, antifertility

(1) **contraceptive** measures, (2) hormonal **contraceptive**

The **contraceptive** patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe

(= small tube)

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

childbirth

n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby

synonym: delivery, labor, parturition

(1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**

He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

pneumonia

n. an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms

synonym: lung infection, bronchitis

(1) bacterial **pneumonia**, (2) viral **pneumonia**

She was hospitalized with a severe case of **pneumonia**.

plow

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym: plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

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.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

nun

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

synonym : sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**

The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

lingering

adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave

synonym : prolonged, persistent, enduring

(1) **lingering** illness, (2) **lingering** doubts

The **lingering** smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.

promiscuous

adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

synonym : indiscriminate, loose, promiscuous

(1) **promiscuous** bathing, (2) **promiscuous** lifestyle

He was known for his **promiscuous** behavior.

slum

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

synonym : shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

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

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

broach

v. to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage

synonym : raise, introduce, bring up

(1) **broach** a cask, (2) **broach** the subject

I need to **broach** the topic of restructuring with my boss.

glaring

adj. extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

synonym : blatant, flagrant, obvious

(1) **glaring** example, (2) **glaring** omission

The **glaring** sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

socioeconomic

adj. relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

synonym : social, economic, financial

(1) **socioeconomic** status, (2) **socioeconomic** issues

The **socioeconomic** conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym : brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

contentious

adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

synonym : antagonistic, combative, confrontational

(1) **contentious** subject, (2) **contentious** debate

There are many **contentious** issues in claiming a patent.

coercive

adj. using force, threats, or intimidation to compel someone to do something against their will or desire; related to coercion

synonym : force, compel, pressure

(1) **coercive** behavior, (2) use **coercive** measures

The politician used **coercive** tactics to convince the public to support their policies.

sterilize

v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

synonym : disinfect, sanitize, cleanse

(1) **sterilize** chemically, (2) **sterilize** surfaces

The nurse **sterilized** the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.

appendectomy

n. a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix

synonym : removal, excision, surgery

(1) **appendectomy** surgery, (2) **appendectomy** scar

After several hours of abdominal pain, the patient was diagnosed with acute appendicitis and underwent an **appendectomy**.

anesthesia

n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

(1) **anesthesia** for surgery, (2) local **anesthesia**

He is in general **anesthesia** under the surgeon.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

innate

adj. existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience

synonym : natural, inherent, inborn

(1) **innate** ability, (2) **innate** quality

The belief in **innate** human goodness is a common philosophical concept.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym : criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

coition

n. sexual intercourse between two people or animals

synonym : intercourse, mating, copulation

(1) **coition** frequency, (2) interrupted **coition**

The topic of **coition** was considered taboo in many cultures for centuries.

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.

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.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

denim

n. a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing

synonym: jeans, dungarees, chambray

(1) **denim** shorts, (2) **denim** jacket

She loved the feel of her new **denim** jeans against her skin.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym: feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

glob

n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

synonym: ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

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**.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

voiceless

adj. without a voice or the ability to speak

synonym: mute, silent, speechless

(1) **voiceless** consonant, (2) **voiceless** minority

The **voiceless** screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

Session 2: Spelling

1. po____us metropolis
adj. having a large population; densely or heavily populated; inhabited by many people
2. sub_____an Africa
adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
3. ane_____ia for surgery
n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
4. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. con_____us subject
adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
6. n__b with cold
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
7. bacterial pn_____ia
n. an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
8. app_____omy scar
n. a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix
9. soc_____mic issues
adj. relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

ANSWERS: 1. populous, 2. sub-Saharan, 3. anesthesia, 4. opportune, 5. contentious, 6. numb, 7. pneumonia, 8. appendectomy, 9. socioeconomic

10. br___h the subject *v.* to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage
11. antibiotic-resistant g__m *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
12. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
13. li_____ng illness *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
14. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
15. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
16. perform without hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
17. moral pa_____is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
18. co_____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

ANSWERS: 10. broach, 11. germ, 12. villager, 13. lingering, 14. nun, 15. confuse, 16. hesitation, 17. paralysis, 18. conceive

19. de__m shorts *n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing
20. app_____omy surgery *n.* a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix
21. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
22. g__b of paint *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
23. con_____us debate *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
24. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
25. in___t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
26. deeply p__w the soil *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
27. de__m jacket *n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing

ANSWERS: 19. denim, 20. appendectomy, 21. startling, 22. glob, 23. contentious, 24. Catholic, 25. inject, 26. plow, 27. denim

28. co____n frequency *n.* sexual intercourse between two people or animals
29. pro____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
30. natural chi____th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
31. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
32. after some hes____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
33. li____ng doubts *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
34. st____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
35. st____ze chemically *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
36. co____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
37. ho____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
38. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

ANSWERS: 28. coition, 29. prosperous, 30. childbirth, 31. jean, 32. hesitation, 33. lingering, 34. startling, 35. sterilize, 36. conceive, 37. horrify, 38. slum

39. ca____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
40. po____us country *adj.* having a large population; densely or heavily populated; inhabited by many people
41. vo____ss consonant *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
42. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
43. st____ze surfaces *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
44. gl____g example *adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
45. co____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
46. gl____g omission *adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
47. no____h hope *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
48. local vi____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
49. no____h damaged skin *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

ANSWERS: 39. Catholic, 40. populous, 41. voiceless, 42. swell, 43. sterilize, 44. glaring, 45. condemn, 46. glaring, 47. nourish, 48. villager, 49. nourish

50. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
51. viral pn_____ia *n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
52. hormonal con_____ive *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
53. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
54. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
55. br___h a cask *v.* to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage
56. local ane_____ia *n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
57. in___e quality *adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience
58. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
59. in___e ability *adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience

ANSWERS: 50. moth, 51. pneumonia, 52. contraceptive, 53. inhabitant, 54. stabilize, 55. broach, 56. anesthesia, 57. innate, 58. opportune, 59. innate

60. pro_____us bathing *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
61. use co_____ve measures *adj.* using force, threats, or intimidation to compel someone to do something against their will or desire; related to coercion
62. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
63. pro_____us lifestyle *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
64. vo_____ss minority *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
65. pa_____is in the leg *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
66. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
67. hormonal con_____ion *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

ANSWERS: 60. promiscuous, 61. coercive, 62. numb, 63. promiscuous, 64. voiceless, 65. paralysis, 66. propel, 67. contraception

68. g__b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
69. assisted chi_____th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
70. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
71. ho_____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
72. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
73. in____t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
74. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
75. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
76. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
77. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
78. con_____ive measures *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

ANSWERS: 68. glob, 69. childbirth, 70. empower, 71. horrify, 72. inhabitant, 73. inject, 74. moth, 75. condemn, 76. slum, 77. prosperous, 78. contraceptive

79. st_____ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
80. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
81. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
82. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
83. co_____ve behavior *adj.* using force, threats, or intimidation to compel someone to do something against their will or desire; related to coercion
84. interrupted co_____n *n.* sexual intercourse between two people or animals
85. con_____ion pills *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
86. pr____l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
87. p__w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

ANSWERS: 79. stabilize, 80. confuse, 81. jean, 82. sub-Saharan, 83. coercive, 84. coition, 85. contraception, 86. propel, 87. plow

88. 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
89. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
90. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
91. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
92. soc_____mic status *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

ANSWERS: 88. germ, 89. swell, 90. empower, 91. nun, 92. socioeconomic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The raising of interest rates _____ the inflation rate.
v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
2. The nurse _____ the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.
v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
3. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
4. He was known for his _____ behavior.
adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
5. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.
n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
6. 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
7. After several hours of abdominal pain, the patient was diagnosed with acute appendicitis and underwent an _____.
n. a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix

ANSWERS: 1. stabilizes, 2. sterilized, 3. moth, 4. promiscuous, 5. jeans, 6. propel, 7. appendectomy

8. She loved the feel of her new _____ jeans against her skin.
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9. He describes the story with _____ reality.
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ANSWERS: 8. denim, 9. startling, 10. socioeconomic, 11. pneumonia, 12. anesthesia, 13. swelling, 14. conceive, 15. plow

16. Massive demonstrations lead to total _____ of transportation.
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18. The belief in _____ human goodness is a common philosophical concept.
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v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
20. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.
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21. 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
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n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
23. The country's most _____ cities all are located along the coastline.
adj. having a large population; densely or heavily populated; inhabited by many people

ANSWERS: 16. paralysis, 17. coercive, 18. innate, 19. condemned, 20. prosperous, 21. germ, 22. villagers, 23. populous

24. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

25. The cloistered ____ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

26. 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

27. My left arm became _____.

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

28. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.

v. to shock or disgust greatly

29. The _____ smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.

adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave

30. The _____ screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

adj. without a voice or the ability to speak

31. The topic of _____ was considered taboo in many cultures for centuries.

n. sexual intercourse between two people or animals

ANSWERS: 24. sub-Saharan, 25. nun, 26. empowered, 27. numb, 28. horrify, 29. lingering, 30. voiceless, 31. coition

32. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

33. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

34. The _____ patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

adj. relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

35. Condoms are a common method of _____ that both men and women can use.

n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

36. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

37. There was a _____ in her speech.

n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

38. He was present at the _____ of his children.

n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby

ANSWERS: 32. catholic, 33. inject, 34. contraceptive, 35. contraception, 36. inhabitant, 37. hesitation, 38. childbirth

39. I need to _____ the topic of restructuring with my boss.

- v.* to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage

40. There are many _____ issues in claiming a patent.

- adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

41. The _____ sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

- adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

42. She squeezed a _____ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

- n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

43. Her remarks _____ the debate.

- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

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

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

45. The mother used her breast milk to _____ the baby.

- v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

46. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 39. broach, 40. contentious, 41. glaring, 42. glob, 43. confused, 44. slums, 45. nourish, 46. opportune

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