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Session 1: Word List

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

pierce

v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

synonym: jab, penetrate, stab

(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery

The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

twit

n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating

synonym: fool, idiot, imbecile

(1) celebrity **twit**, (2) neighborhood **twit**

Please ignore that **twit** on social media; their opinions are

irrelevant.

instill

v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
synonym : implant, ingrain, inculcate

(1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye
The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work in her students.

crux

n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

synonym : heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

anemic

adj. relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength

synonym : weak, feeble, fragile

(1) **anemic** appearance, (2) **anemic** economy

The company's website had **anemic** traffic, with very few visitors each month.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym : administration, government, system

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

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

entrenched

adj. established firmly and securely

synonym : deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched**

power.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

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.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

perennial

adj. lasting for an indefinitely long time; enduring

synonym: long-lasting, recurrent, persistent

(1) **perennial** battle, (2) **perennial** asthma

The **perennial** flowers returned yearly, providing a beautiful display in the garden.

pastime

n. an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game

synonym: hobby, diversion, leisure activity

(1) a familiar **pastime**, (2) national **pastime**

I enjoy gardening as a **pastime** during my free 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.

incursion

n. a sudden or brief invasion or attack; the act of entering into something in a way that is not authorized or welcomed

synonym: invasion, attack, intrusion

(1) armed **incursion**, (2) sudden **incursion**

The enemy made an **incursion** into the country.

privatize

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

synonym: deregulate, denationalize

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

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

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

palpable

adj. able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible

synonym: tangible, perceptible, noticeable

(1) **palpable** tumor, (2) **palpable** lie

The tension in the room was **palpable** as they waited for the results to come in.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

hackathon

n. an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects

synonym: coding marathon, software sprint

(1) **hackathon** event, (2) **hackathon** competition

The annual **hackathon** attracted a lot of talented programmers from around the world.

cocreate

v. to create something by working with others

(1) **cocreate** our life, (2) **cocreate** a relationship

We form partnerships to **cocreate** customer value.

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.

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.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

rubble

n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

synonym : debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

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.

yesteryear

n. the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated

synonym : past, yesterday, bygone days

(1) **yesteryear** fashion, (2) **yesteryear** nostalgia

My grandparents love reminiscing about their favorite movies from **yesteryear**.

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym : online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

burdensome

adj. causing a heavy burden or load, physically or mentally taxing; difficult to bear or manage

synonym: heavy, onerous, cumbersome

(1) **burdensome** task, (2) **burdensome** load

The heavy backpack was **burdensome** on the long hike through the mountains.

impede

v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

synonym: hinder, obstruct, block

(1) **impede** a close relationship, (2) **impede** development

The traffic jam **impeded** our progress to reach the destination on time.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody

entrepreneurship

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

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**.

sideline

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym: sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

bystander

n. a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene

synonym: spectator, observer, witness

(1) innocent **bystander**, (2) shocked **bystander**

The **bystander** effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

transom

n. a horizontal crosspiece or bar, often made of wood or metal, placed above a door or window, serving as a supporting or decorative element, or providing additional ventilation or light

synonym: crossbar, beam, header

(1) decorative **transom**, (2) wooden **transom**

The glass **transom** above the door allowed natural light to filter into the room.

adversary

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym: opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

monopolize

v. (business) to have complete control or dominance over a particular market or industry, often to the exclusion of other competitors

synonym : dominate, control, corner

(1) **monopolize** the podium, (2) **monopolize** the industry
The large corporation sought to **monopolize** the market by buying out its competitors.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym : imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach
All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

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.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions;
(verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym : minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

intelligible

adj. capable of being understood or apprehended

synonym : apprehensible, understandable, comprehensible

(1) **intelligible** pronunciation, (2) **intelligible** to anyone

He gave me an **intelligible** answer.

politic

adj. wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions

synonym : wise, tactful, expedient

(1) a **politic** decision, (2) heal the body **politic**

She was **politic** in her behavior.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ad_____ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
2. pi___e the armored shells *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
3. ru___e-strewn road *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
4. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. co_____te a relationship *v.* to create something by working with others
6. celebrity t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
7. have the in_____ve talent *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
8. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
9. ent_____ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
10. a familiar pa_____e *n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game

ANSWERS: 1. adversary, 2. pierce, 3. rubble, 4. opportune, 5. cocreate, 6. twit, 7. inventive, 8. writ, 9. entrenched, 10. pastime

11. bur_____me load *adj.* causing a heavy burden or load, physically or mentally taxing; difficult to bear or manage
12. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
13. 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
14. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
15. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
16. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
17. decorative tr_____m *n.* a horizontal crosspiece or bar, often made of wood or metal, placed above a door or window, serving as a supporting or decorative element, or providing additional ventilation or light
18. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
19. ent_____ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
20. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 11. burdensome, 12. electrify, 13. app, 14. electrify, 15. writ, 16. interconnect, 17. transom, 18. confer, 19. entrenched, 20. riot

21. shocked by_____er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
22. heal the body po_____c *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
23. int_____ble to anyone *adj.* capable of being understood or apprehended
24. the c__x of the argument *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
25. mon_____ze the industry *v.* (business) to have complete control or dominance over a particular market or industry, often to the exclusion of other competitors
26. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
27. pe_____al battle *adj.* lasting for an indefinitely long time; enduring
28. perpetual cu____e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
29. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

ANSWERS: 21. bystander, 22. politic, 23. intelligible, 24. crux, 25. monopolize, 26. smartphone, 27. perennial, 28. curate, 29. bureaucracy

30. lucrative si____ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
31. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
32. neighborhood t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
33. clear away ru___e *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
34. ha_____on event *n.* an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects
35. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
36. wooden tr_____m *n.* a horizontal crosspiece or bar, often made of wood or metal, placed above a door or window, serving as a supporting or decorative element, or providing additional ventilation or light
37. cu___e an art website *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 30. sideline, 31. inventive, 32. twit, 33. rubble, 34. hackathon, 35. inhabitant, 36. transom, 37. curate

38. in_____l confidence *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
39. sudden in_____on *n.* a sudden or brief invasion or attack; the act of entering into something in a way that is not authorized or welcomed
40. mon_____ze the podium *v.* (business) to have complete control or dominance over a particular market or industry, often to the exclusion of other competitors
41. arbitrary bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
42. 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
43. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
44. im_____e a close relationship *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
45. co_____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
46. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
47. in_____l medication into my eye *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually

ANSWERS: 38. instill, 39. incursion, 40. monopolize, 41. bureaucracy, 42. villager, 43. entrepreneurship, 44. impede, 45. confer, 46. entrepreneurship, 47. instill

48. pr_____ze post offices *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
49. pa_____le lie *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
50. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
51. pr_____ze healthcare *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
52. Wi_____ia entry *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
53. national pa_____e *n.* an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game
54. yes_____ar fashion *n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
55. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
56. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
57. si_____ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

ANSWERS: 48. privatize, 49. palpable, 50. interconnect, 51. privatize, 52. Wikipedia, 53. pastime, 54. yesteryear, 55. reinvent, 56. innovate, 57. sideline

58. ha_____on competition *n.* an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects
59. bur_____me task *adj.* causing a heavy burden or load, physically or mentally taxing; difficult to bear or manage
60. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
61. 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
62. an___c appearance *adj.* relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength
63. pe_____al asthma *adj.* lasting for an indefinitely long time; enduring
64. yes_____ar nostalgia *n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
65. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
66. armed in_____on *n.* a sudden or brief invasion or attack; the act of entering into something in a way that is not authorized or welcomed

ANSWERS: 58. hackathon, 59. burdensome, 60. app, 61. villager, 62. anemic, 63. perennial, 64. yesteryear, 65. innovate, 66. incursion

67. an___c economy *adj.* relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength
68. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
69. pi___e a mystery *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
70. int_____ble pronunciation *adj.* capable of being understood or apprehended
71. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
72. pa_____le tumor *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
73. political ad_____ry *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
74. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
75. catchy sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
76. cro_____ing in climate policy *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

ANSWERS: 67. anemic, 68. reinvent, 69. pierce, 70. intelligible, 71. passe, 72. palpable, 73. adversary, 74. inhabitant, 75. slogan, 76. crowdsourcing

77. Wi_____ia article *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
78. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
79. co_____te our life *v.* to create something by working with others
80. im_____e development *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
81. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
82. main c__x *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
83. advertising sl____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
84. a po_____c decision *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions

ANSWERS: 77. Wikipedia, 78. superpower, 79. cocreate, 80. impede, 81. superpower, 82. crux, 83. slogan, 84. politic

85. innocent by_____er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
86. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
87. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
88. cro_____ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
89. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
90. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 85. bystander, 86. riot, 87. opportune, 88. crowdsourcing, 89. passe, 90. smartphone

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
2. The large corporation sought to _____ the market by buying out its competitors.
v. (business) to have complete control or dominance over a particular market or industry, often to the exclusion of other competitors
3. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of _____.
n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
4. The heavy backpack was _____ on the long hike through the mountains.
adj. causing a heavy burden or load, physically or mentally taxing; difficult to bear or manage
5. The traffic jam _____ our progress to reach the destination on time.
v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
6. The company used this _____ platform to gather ideas for its next product.
n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
7. Not all teachers accept citing _____ as a valid source for academic papers.
n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

ANSWERS: 1. inhabitant, 2. monopolize, 3. rubble, 4. burdensome, 5. impeded, 6. crowdsourcing, 7. Wikipedia

8. I enjoy gardening as a _____ during my free time.
n. an activity that is enjoyable and done for leisure or entertainment purposes, such as a hobby or game
9. The annual _____ attracted a lot of talented programmers from around the world.
n. an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects
10. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.
adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas
11. She was _____ in her behavior.
adj. wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
12. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
13. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
14. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
15. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 8. pastime, 9. hackathon, 10. inventive, 11. politic, 12. confer, 13. superpower, 14. writ, 15. innovate

16. The glass _____ above the door allowed natural light to filter into the room.
n. a horizontal crosspiece or bar, often made of wood or metal, placed above a door or window, serving as a supporting or decorative element, or providing additional ventilation or light
17. He gave me an _____ answer.
adj. capable of being understood or apprehended
18. The extreme cold _____ our bones.
v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
19. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
20. The enemy made an _____ into the country.
n. a sudden or brief invasion or attack; the act of entering into something in a way that is not authorized or welcomed
21. The tension in the room was _____ as they waited for the results to come in.
adj. able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
22. Please ignore that _____ on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.
n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
23. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 16. transom, 17. intelligible, 18. pierced, 19. slogans, 20. incursion, 21. palpable, 22. twit, 23. reinvent

24. The teacher attempted to _____ the importance of hard work in her students.
v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
25. 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
26. The _____ of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.
n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
27. The company's website had _____ traffic, with very few visitors each month.
adj. relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength
28. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
29. The boxer's toughest _____ was his fear of losing.
n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
30. The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the _____ for the entire game.
n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

ANSWERS: 24. instill, 25. riots, 26. crux, 27. anemic, 28. smartphones, 29. adversary, 30. sideline

31. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.
- n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
32. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.
- n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
33. We form partnerships to _____ customer value.
- v.* to create something by working with others
34. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
- adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
35. 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
36. My grandparents love reminiscing about their favorite movies from _____.
- n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
37. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.
- n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
38. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 31. entrepreneurship, 32. bureaucracy, 33. cocreate, 34. passe, 35. app's, 36. yesteryear, 37. villagers, 38. opportune

39. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
- v. to connect similar things
40. The government wants to _____ specific industries to boost their efficiency.
- v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
41. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
42. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.
- n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
43. The _____ effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.
- n. a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
44. The _____ flowers returned yearly, providing a beautiful display in the garden.
- adj. lasting for an indefinitely long time; enduring
45. The monarch exploited the peasants using its _____ power.
- adj. established firmly and securely

ANSWERS: 39. interconnect, 40. privatize, 41. electrify, 42. curate, 43. bystander, 44. perennial, 45. entrenched

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