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Session 1: Word List

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

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**.

censor

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

synonym: suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **cancel** a book, (2) **cancel** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **cancel** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

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.

satire

n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

synonym : irony, mockery, ridicule

(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**

The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

reinstate

v. to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

synonym : restore, bring back, revive

(1) **reinstate** a policy, (2) **reinstate** a team member

The boss decided to **reinstate** the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.

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.

stern

adj. serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude

synonym : severe, harsh, strict

(1) **stern** warning, (2) a **stern** look

The students' antics did not amuse the **stern** teacher.

nanny

n. a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis

synonym : childcare provider, babysitter, nurse

(1) part-time **nanny**, (2) professional **nanny**

She works as a **nanny** for a family with two young children.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym : believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

racy

adj. having an exciting or provocative quality; lively and entertaining, often with a sexual or scandalous connotation

synonym : spicy, rich, suggestive

(1) **racy** talker, (2) **racy** humor

The author's **racy** writing style added excitement to the novel.

newsstand

n. a small retail establishment where newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals are sold, often along with snacks, cigarettes, and other items

synonym : news booth, news kiosk

(1) **newsstand** vendor, (2) crowded **newsstand**

The city's central square has a **newsstand** kiosk that sells international newspapers and magazines.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

cyberspace

n. the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments

synonym: Internet, virtual reality, online world

(1) **cyberspace** security, (2) virtual **cyberspace**

Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in **cyberspace** for their gain.

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.

interlink

v. to connect or link together; to cause to join or connect

synonym: connect, link, interconnect

(1) **interlink** two molecules, (2) **interlink** the power source

The different departments are **interlinked** and work together as a team.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

sultan

n. a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader

synonym: emperor, monarch, king

(1) the **sultan's** throne, (2) Ottoman **sultan**

The **sultan's** royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.

steppe

n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

synonym: prairie, savannah, grassland

(1) **steppe** climate, (2) barren **steppe**

The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast **steppe**.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

overthrow

v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

synonym: defeat, destroy, conquer

(1) **overthrow** the government, (2) **overthrow** the theory

The group aims to **overthrow** the military regime.

shred

v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

synonym: rip up, tear up, cut

(1) **shred** paper into little pieces, (2) **shred** lettuce for a salad

There is not a **shred** of evidence that he is guilty.

dossier

n. a collection or file of documents, information, or records compiled about a particular person, subject, or event, often used for investigative or background purposes

synonym: file, record, folder

(1) confidential **dossier**, (2) compile a **dossier** on the suspect

The detective examined the **dossier** of evidence, trying to piece together the case details.

determinant

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

synonym : cause, factor, element

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

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

incite

v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

synonym : provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

resigned

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

synonym : submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate

She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

destabilize

v. to cause something to become less stable or secure

synonym : unsettle, disrupt, upset

(1) **destabilize** the market, (2) **destabilize** a good relationship

The political crisis **destabilized** the country and caused widespread turmoil.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym : legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym : condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

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.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym : foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new

markets.

robin

n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

synonym: thrush, red-breast, redbird

(1) **robin** eggs, (2) **robin's** nest

I love listening to the cheerful song of the **robin** in my garden.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

mediate

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

synonym: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

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

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

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.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym : situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

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.

disproportionate

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

synonym : undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

onus

n. a burden, responsibility, or obligation; something that is required to be done or achieved

synonym : burden, responsibility, weight

(1) legal **onus**, (2) financial **onus**

The **onus** of responsibility fell on the project manager to meet the deadline.

intermediary

n. a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings

synonym :

middleman, mediator, agent

(1) financial **intermediary**, (2) **intermediary** role

The **intermediary** between the buyer and the seller helped them agree.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

groundwater

n. water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock

synonym: aquifer, well water, underground water

(1) **groundwater** supply, (2) contaminated **groundwater**

The town's main source of water is natural **groundwater**.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

baron

n. a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)

synonym: nobleman, lord, peer

(1) media **baron**, (2) the domain of a **baron**

The **baron's** castle was the center of political and social life

in the region.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. confidential do_____r | <i>n.</i> a collection or file of documents, information, or records compiled about a particular person, subject, or event, often used for investigative or background purposes |
| 2. first-person na_____or | <i>n.</i> a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film |
| 3. pr_____g the agony | <i>v.</i> to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event |
| 4. measures to pr_____g the lifespan | <i>v.</i> to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event |
| 5. cause dis_____ate damage | <i>adj.</i> too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence |
| 6. st__n warning | <i>adj.</i> serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude |
| 7. crowded ne_____nd | <i>n.</i> a small retail establishment where newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals are sold, often along with snacks, cigarettes, and other items |
| 8. remains of br__h | <i>n.</i> a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews |
| 9. compile a do_____r on the suspect | <i>n.</i> a collection or file of documents, information, or records compiled about a particular person, subject, or event, often used for investigative or background purposes |

ANSWERS: 1. dossier, 2. narrator, 3. prolong, 4. prolong, 5. disproportionate, 6. stern, 7. newsstand, 8. broth, 9. dossier

20. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
21. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
22. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
23. Ottoman su___n *n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
24. g__b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
25. re_____te a policy *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
26. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
27. des_____ze the market *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
28. media ba__n *n.* a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)
29. dis_____ate amount *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

ANSWERS: 20. broth, 21. deem, 22. smartphone, 23. sultan, 24. glob, 25. reinstate, 26. geopolitical, 27. destabilize, 28. baron, 29. disproportionate

30. the su___n's throne *n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
31. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
32. legal o__s *n.* a burden, responsibility, or obligation; something that is required to be done or achieved
33. virtual cyb_____ce *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
34. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
35. ov_____ow the theory *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
36. part-time na__y *n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
37. ce___r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
38. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 30. sultan, 31. liberate, 32. onus, 33. cyberspace, 34. condemn, 35. overthrow, 36. nanny, 37. censor, 38. empower

39. re_____te a team member *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
40. gro_____er supply *n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
41. financial int_____ary *n.* a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings
42. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
43. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
44. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
45. a st__n look *adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
46. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
47. 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
48. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

ANSWERS: 39. reinstate, 40. groundwater, 41. intermediary, 42. conquer, 43. oversea, 44. condemn, 45. stern, 46. industrious, 47. app, 48. enact

49. in_____nk two molecules *v.* to connect or link together; to cause to join or connect
50. barren st___e *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
51. a pungent sa___e *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
52. ne_____nd vendor *n.* a small retail establishment where newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals are sold, often along with snacks, cigarettes, and other items
53. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
54. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
55. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
56. contaminated gro_____er *n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock

ANSWERS: 49. interlink, 50. steppe, 51. satire, 52. newsstand, 53. senator, 54. pollute, 55. authoritarian, 56. groundwater

57. 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
58. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
59. sh__d paper into little pieces *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
60. ro__n eggs *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
61. in___e rebellion *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
62. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
63. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
64. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
65. ro__n's nest *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

ANSWERS: 57. germ, 58. nationalist, 59. shred, 60. robin, 61. incite, 62. situ, 63. oversea, 64. smartphone, 65. robin

66. sh__d lettuce for a salad *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
67. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
68. int_____ary role *n.* a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings
69. with a re____ed voice *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
70. ov_____ow the government *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
71. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
72. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
73. political ad_____ry *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
74. me_____e allergic reaction *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

ANSWERS: 66. shred, 67. aft, 68. intermediary, 69. resigned, 70. overthrow, 71. conquer, 72. authoritarian, 73. adversary, 74. mediate

75. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
76. re_____ed to their fate *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
77. st___e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
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ANSWERS: 75. determinant, 76. resigned, 77. steppe, 78. glob, 79. enslave, 80. app, 81. situ, 82. pollute

83. the na____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
84. r__y humor *adj.* having an exciting or provocative quality; lively and entertaining, often with a sexual or scandalous connotation
85. ad_____ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
86. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
87. junior se_____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
88. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
89. professional na__y *n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
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91. 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
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ANSWERS: 83. narrator, 84. racy, 85. adversary, 86. industrious, 87. senator, 88. convict, 89. nanny, 90. determinant, 91. germ, 92. interlink

93. in___e violence *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
94. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
95. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
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101. r__y talker *adj.* having an exciting or provocative quality; lively and entertaining, often with a sexual or scandalous connotation

ANSWERS: 93. incite, 94. liberate, 95. constrain, 96. onus, 97. cyberspace, 98. empower, 99. nationalist, 100. convict, 101. racy

102. ce___r a TV program

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

ANSWERS: 102. censor

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The group aims to _____ the military regime.
v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
2. The teacher had to _____ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.
v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
3. The country holds dominant _____ power over its neighbors.
adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
4. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.
v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
5. The _____ castle was the center of political and social life in the region.
n. a member of the lowest grade of nobility (= group of people from a high social class)
6. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
7. There is not a _____ of evidence that he is guilty.
v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

ANSWERS: 1. overthrow, 2. mediate, 3. geopolitical, 4. prolong, 5. baron's, 6. constrained, 7. shred

8. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.
n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
9. 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
10. Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in _____ for their gain.
n. the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
11. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
12. The political crisis _____ the country and caused widespread turmoil.
v. to cause something to become less stable or secure
13. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
14. The _____ between the buyer and the seller helped them agree.
n. a person or organization that acts as a go-between or mediator in negotiations or transactions between two or more parties; a middleman, a broker, or an agent who facilitates communication, trade, or dealings

ANSWERS: 8. senator, 9. adversary, 10. cyberspace, 11. aft, 12. destabilized, 13. situ, 14. intermediary

15. The newspaper editor decided to _____ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.
- n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
16. She squeezed a _____ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.
- n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
17. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
18. The _____ of responsibility fell on the project manager to meet the deadline.
- n.* a burden, responsibility, or obligation; something that is required to be done or achieved
19. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
- v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
20. The students' antics did not amuse the _____ teacher.
- adj.* serious, unyielding, or strict in manner or attitude
21. The detective examined the _____ of evidence, trying to piece together the case details.
- n.* a collection or file of documents, information, or records compiled about a particular person, subject, or event, often used for investigative or background purposes
22. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 15. censor, 16. glob, 17. broth, 18. onus, 19. condemned, 20. stern, 21. dossier, 22. smartphones

23. She works as a _____ for a family with two young children.
- n.* a caregiver, usually a woman, who provides child care services in the home of the children's parents or guardians, either on a part-time or full-time basis
24. The politician's speech seemed designed to _____ anger and unrest among the crowd.
- v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
25. This big gate is _____ to the small hut.
- adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
26. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
- v.* to bring under control by force or authority
27. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.
- v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
28. 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
29. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
- v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
30. The _____ royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.
- n.* a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader

ANSWERS: 23. nanny, 24. incite, 25. disproportionate, 26. conquer, 27. pollute, 28. empowered, 29. deemed, 30. sultan's

31. 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
32. The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast _____.
- n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
33. 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
34. The author's _____ writing style added excitement to the novel.
- adj.* having an exciting or provocative quality; lively and entertaining, often with a sexual or scandalous connotation
35. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
- adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
36. The government _____ this law in 1925.
- v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
37. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
- adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 31. germ, 32. steppe, 33. app's, 34. racy, 35. authoritarian, 36. enacted, 37. nationalist

38. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
39. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
40. Her beauty _____ me completely.
v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
41. The different departments are _____ and work together as a team.
v. to connect or link together; to cause to join or connect
42. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
43. The comedian's _____ on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.
n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
44. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
45. The boss decided to _____ the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.
v. to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

ANSWERS: 38. liberated, 39. narrator, 40. enslaved, 41. interlinked, 42. industrious, 43. satire, 44. convicted, 45. reinstate

46. She had a _____ look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.
- adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
47. I love listening to the cheerful song of the _____ in my garden.
- n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
48. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
49. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.
- adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
50. The town's main source of water is natural _____.
- n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
51. The city's central square has a _____ kiosk that sells international newspapers and magazines.
- n.* a small retail establishment where newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals are sold, often along with snacks, cigarettes, and other items

ANSWERS: 46. resigned, 47. robin, 48. determinant, 49. oversea, 50. groundwater, 51. newsstand