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Session 1: Word List

quirk

n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

synonym: eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

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

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

tickle

v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

synonym: titillate, make laugh

(1) **tickle** his ribs, (2) **tickle** her vanity

These models explain why you can't **tickle** yourself.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym: blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

propaganda

n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

synonym : disinformation, misinformation, publicity

(1) **propaganda** campaign, (2) self-serving **propaganda**

The government used **propaganda** pictures to spread its message of national unity.

slope

n. a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other

synonym : gradient, pitch, slant

(1) an abrupt **slope**, (2) slide down a **slope** on a ski

The hut stands on the **slope** of a mountain.

homosexual

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

synonym : gay, same-sex attracted

(1) **homosexual** rights, (2) **homosexual** marriage

The law was repealed to protect the rights of **homosexual** citizens.

lesbian

n. a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women

synonym : gay woman, female homosexual, tribade

(1) **lesbian** love, (2) **lesbian** relationship

The **lesbian** couple was denied the right to marry due to the conservative laws in their state.

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym : straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

childhood

n. the state or time of being a child

synonym: youth, infancy, adolescence

(1) since **childhood**, (2) **childhood** development

He had fond memories of his **childhood** spent playing in the park with his friends.

Christ

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

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

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

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

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.

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.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

predominantly

adv. mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group

synonym : mostly, chiefly, largely

(1) **predominantly** rural, (2) **predominantly** Christian

The neighborhood is **predominantly** made up of young families with children.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym : acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

profuse

adj. abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something

synonym : abundant, plentiful, excessive

(1) **profuse** growth, (2) **profuse** apologies

The flu caused a **profuse** amount of sweating and fever.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

demolish

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

synonym : destroy, wreck, level

(1) **demolish** a myth, (2) **demolish** a bridge

The city decided to **demolish** the old, unsafe building and build a new one.

activism

n. the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change

synonym : advocacy, campaign

(1) antitrust **activism**, (2) digital **activism**

Internet **activism** has been crucial in raising awareness about critical social issues.

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.

affected

adj. influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere

synonym : artificial, pretentious, stilted

(1) **affected** way of walking, (2) the **affected** part

Her **affected** accent made it difficult to take her seriously.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

unrest

n. a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

synonym : disturbance, agitation, turmoil

(1) **unrest** in the city, (2) cause **unrest**

The recent political **unrest** in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

killing

n. the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

synonym : slaughter, homicide, assassination

(1) **killing** spree, (2) profit- **killing**

The **killing** of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film

producers.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period
synonym: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

distill

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
synonym: extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings
synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

residue

n. a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed
synonym: remnants, leftover, debris

(1) **residue** after evaporation, (2) chemical **residue**

There was a **residue** of soap in the bottle that wouldn't come out.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

patriotic

adj. having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

synonym : loyal, chauvinistic, jingoistic

(1) **patriotic** duty, (2) **patriotic** fervor

He was wearing a **patriotic** T-shirt with the American flag on it.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

cute

adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

synonym : attractive, charming, adorable

(1) act **cute**, (2) super **cute** dress

The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so **cute**.

fuzzy

adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

synonym : hazy, blurry, indistinct

(1) **fuzzy** logic, (2) **fuzzy** memory

The picture was **fuzzy** because it was taken with an old camera.

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.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

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.

manual

adj. done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject

synonym : by hand, (noun) handbook, (noun) tutorial

(1) car with **manual** transmissions, (2) look at the **manual**
This machine cuts metal by **manual** control.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym : discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. not up to p_r | <i>n.</i> a state of being equal to someone or something |
| 2. de_____sh a bridge | <i>v.</i> to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something |
| 3. ti___e her vanity | <i>v.</i> to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh |
| 4. chemical re_____e | <i>n.</i> a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed |
| 5. teaching of Ch___t | <i>n.</i> the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity |
| 6. above p_r performance | <i>n.</i> a state of being equal to someone or something |
| 7. pa_____ic fervor | <i>adj.</i> having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare |
| 8. digital ac_____sm | <i>n.</i> the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change |
| 9. re_____on sociology | <i>n.</i> a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny |
| 10. cel_____ed paper | <i>adj.</i> renowned for possessing admirable attributes |

ANSWERS: 1. par, 2. demolish, 3. tickle, 4. residue, 5. Christ, 6. par, 7. patriotic, 8. activism, 9. religion, 10. celebrated

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| 11. full of em____y | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |
| 12. pre_____tly rural | <i>adv.</i> mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group |
| 13. fu__y logic | <i>adj.</i> having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers |
| 14. the af_____ed part | <i>adj.</i> influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere |
| 15. in_____e him to write a novel | <i>v.</i> to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative |
| 16. se_____te video into chapter | <i>v.</i> to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different |
| 17. personality qu__k | <i>n.</i> a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group |
| 18. un___t in the city | <i>n.</i> a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace |
| 19. cr_____ve writing | <i>adj.</i> relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something |
| 20. r__t control gas | <i>n.</i> a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals |

ANSWERS: 11. empathy, 12. predominantly, 13. fuzzy, 14. affected, 15. inspire, 16. separate, 17. quirk, 18. unrest, 19. creative, 20. riot

21. immune fu____on
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
22. 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
23. the ar_____nt against capital punishment
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
24. hom_____al marriage
- adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
25. learn new co_____ts
- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
26. freedom of re_____on
- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
27. cause un____t
- n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
28. have a b__s toward socialism
- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
29. fu____on properly
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 21. function, 22. geopolitical, 23. argument, 24. homosexual, 25. concept, 26. religion, 27. unrest, 28. bias, 29. function

30. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
31. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
32. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
33. le_____n love *n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
34. de_____sh a myth *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
35. het_____ual relationship *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
36. reduce geo_____cal risk *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
37. pr_____e growth *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
38. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
39. super c__e dress *adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

ANSWERS: 30. nun, 31. mosque, 32. aft, 33. lesbian, 34. demolish, 35. heterosexual, 36. geopolitical, 37. profuse, 38. broth, 39. cute

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 40. self-serving pro_____da | <i>n.</i> information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology |
| 41. pr_____le outcome | <i>adj.</i> likely to happen or likely to be true |
| 42. co_____al swimming pool | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 43. chicken br__h | <i>n.</i> a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews |
| 44. re_____t a place | <i>v.</i> to go to a place again, especially after a long period |
| 45. ki_____g spree | <i>n.</i> the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success |
| 46. a per_____ve view | <i>n.</i> a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something |
| 47. het_____ual marriage | <i>adj.</i> attracted to individuals of the opposite sex |
| 48. di_____l a liquid | <i>v.</i> to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements |
| 49. hom_____al rights | <i>adj.</i> sexually attracted to people of one's own sex |
| 50. co_____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |

ANSWERS: 40. propaganda, 41. probable, 42. communal, 43. broth, 44. revisit, 45. killing, 46. perspective, 47. heterosexual, 48. distill, 49. homosexual, 50. communal

51. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
52. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
53. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
54. slide down a sl___e on a ski *n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
55. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
56. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
57. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
58. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
59. le_____n relationship *n.* a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women
60. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
61. ti___e his ribs *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
62. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
63. fu__y memory *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

ANSWERS: 51. tradition, 52. independence, 53. historic, 54. slope, 55. aft, 56. concept, 57. essential, 58. essential, 59. lesbian, 60. historic, 61. tickle, 62. emotional, 63. fuzzy

64. an abrupt sl__e *n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
65. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
66. cel____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
67. ask a co____se question *v.* to talk informally
68. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
69. the per____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
70. look at the ma____l *adj.* done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject
71. ch____od development *n.* the state or time of being a child
72. financial ind____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
73. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
74. antitrust ac____sm *n.* the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change
75. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

ANSWERS: 64. slope, 65. probable, 66. celebrated, 67. converse, 68. riot, 69. perspective, 70. manual, 71. childhood, 72. independence, 73. creative, 74. activism, 75. nun

76. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
77. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
78. pr_____e apologies *adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
79. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
80. profit-ki_____g *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
81. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
82. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
83. di_____l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

ANSWERS: 76. bubble, 77. separate, 78. profuse, 79. argument, 80. killing, 81. empathy, 82. bubble, 83. distill

84. pre_____tly Christian *adv.* mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group
85. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
86. co_____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
87. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
88. since ch_____od *n.* the state or time of being a child
89. act c__e *adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
90. af_____ed way of walking *adj.* influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere
91. car with ma___l transmissions *adj.* done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject
92. a qu__k of fate *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
93. the sacred mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
94. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 84. predominantly, 85. bias, 86. converse, 87. tradition, 88. childhood, 89. cute, 90. affected, 91. manual, 92. quirk, 93. mosque, 94. inspire

95. re____t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
96. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
97. pa____ic duty *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
98. em____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
99. pro____da campaign *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
100. re____e after evaporation *n.* a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed

ANSWERS: 95. revisit, 96. Christ, 97. patriotic, 98. emotional, 99. propaganda, 100. residue

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The picture was _____ because it was taken with an old camera.
adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
2. He identified as _____ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.
adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
3. 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
4. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.
adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes
5. The neighborhood is _____ made up of young families with children.
adv. mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group
6. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
7. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
n. a state of being equal to someone or something
8. The _____ couple was denied the right to marry due to the conservative laws in their state.
n. a woman who is attracted romantically and sexually to other women

ANSWERS: 1. fuzzy, 2. heterosexual, 3. nun, 4. celebrated, 5. predominantly, 6. creative, 7. par, 8. lesbian

9. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
10. This machine cuts metal by _____ control.
- adj.* done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject
11. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
12. One of her _____ is that she always wears mismatched socks.
- n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
13. The flu caused a _____ amount of sweating and fever.
- adj.* abundant or plentiful in quantity or degree; excessive or extravagant; exhibiting a great amount of something
14. The _____ of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.
- n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
15. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 9. bubble, 10. manual, 11. tradition, 12. quirks, 13. profuse, 14. killing, 15. Communal

16. The government used _____ pictures to spread its message of national unity.
- n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
17. He was wearing a _____ T-shirt with the American flag on it.
- adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
18. These models explain why you can't _____ yourself.
- v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
19. The hut stands on the _____ of a mountain.
- n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
20. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
21. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
22. There was a _____ of soap in the bottle that wouldn't come out.
- n.* a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed

ANSWERS: 16. propaganda, 17. patriotic, 18. tickle, 19. slope, 20. Christmas, 21. function, 22. residue

23. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
24. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
25. He had fond memories of his _____ spent playing in the park with his friends.
n. the state or time of being a child
26. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
27. Internet _____ has been crucial in raising awareness about critical social issues.
n. the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change
28. The recent political _____ in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.
n. a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
29. 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
30. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 23. religion, 24. concept, 25. childhood, 26. historic, 27. activism, 28. unrest, 29. aft, 30. Empathy

31. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
32. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
33. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.
v. to talk informally
34. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
35. She decided to _____ her thoughts into a more manageable list.
v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
36. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
37. We need to _____ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.
v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period
38. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 31. separate, 32. essential, 33. converse, 34. inspired, 35. distill, 36. independence, 37. revisit, 38. perspective

39. 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

40. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

41. 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

42. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

43. 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

44. The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so _____.

adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

45. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

46. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 39. geopolitical, 40. probable, 41. broth, 42. emotional, 43. riots, 44. cute, 45. argument, 46. bias

47. Her _____ accent made it difficult to take her seriously.

adj. influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere

48. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

49. The law was repealed to protect the rights of _____ citizens.

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

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

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

ANSWERS: 47. affected, 48. Mosque, 49. homosexual, 50. demolish