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Session 1: Word List

womanhood

n. the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

synonym: femininity, womanliness, womanly nature

(1) **womanhood** experience, (2) embrace **womanhood**

The celebration of **womanhood** is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym: adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

thoughtful

adj. characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought

synonym: considerate, attentive, kind

(1) **thoughtful** consideration, (2) **thoughtful** gift

The company's CEO made a **thoughtful** decision to offer employees more flexibility in their work schedules.

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym: mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

synonym: dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

moth

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

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

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

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym: relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

ever-present

adj. always existing or noticeable; constant, ubiquitous, or pervasive

synonym: omnipresent, ubiquitous, pervasive

(1) **ever-present** danger, (2) **ever-present** need

The problem of pollution is **ever-present** in our daily lives.

bombard

v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

synonym: bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

homemaking

n. the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker

synonym: housekeeping, domestic management

(1) traditional **homemaking** skills, (2) **homemaking** tools

Homemaking duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.

outfit

n. a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a

company, military, etc.

synonym: ensemble, set, suit

(1) camping **outfit**, (2) a construction **outfit**

I need to buy a new **outfit** for the wedding I'm attending next weekend.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

humor

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

synonym: comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym: bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

approval

n. the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable

synonym: acceptance, endorsement, permission

(1) a written **approval**, (2) express my **approval**

This project took a lot of time to get the president's **approval**.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next

month.

imprint

v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

synonym : impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym : proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

primary

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

synonym : chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

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.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

vague

adj. not clearly expressed or understood

synonym: ambiguous, imprecise, dim

(1) **vague** idea, (2) make a **vague** answer

The **vague** rumor turned out to be false.

notion

n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

synonym: idea, concept, belief

(1) **notion** of success, (2) vague **notion**

The **notion** of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

tenuous

adj. very weak or slight that it hardly exists

synonym: slight, fragile, slender

(1) **tenuous** relationship, (2) **tenuous** link

Evidence submitted by attorneys is **tenuous** due to a lack of objectivity.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym: wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel
He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events
The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone,
usually with difficulty

synonym: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

drawing

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other
instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

synonym: sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for
her artwork.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often
characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym: disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to
speak at once.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared
goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the
process of moving or being moved, physically or
figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

assassination

n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

synonym : murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

feminist

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women;
(noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

synonym : egalitarian

(1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective

The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

laughter

n. the act or sound of laughing

synonym : laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

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.

divorce

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

synonym : separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of

marriage.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

heel

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle;
someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow
someone or something

synonym: hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym: canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

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.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

consequently

adv. as a result or outcome of something

synonym: hence, accordingly, thus

(1) **consequently** unable to start her studies,

(2) **consequently** affect the organs

Consequently, the company had to lay off some of its
employees.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

antenna

n. an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects

synonym : feeler, receiver

(1) **antenna** of insect, (2) extend the TV **antenna**

He had a special **antenna** for public relations

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym : cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

appreciation

n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

synonym : recognition, admiration, esteem

(1) express my **appreciation**, (2) **appreciation** for diversity

The artist received a lot of **appreciation** for his latest work.

succinct

adj. concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive

synonym : concise, brief, pithy

(1) **succinct** reply, (2) **succinct** explanation

My manager gave me a **succinct** summary of the project's goals and objectives.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

turkey

n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

(1) swell like a **turkey**, (2) **turkey** breast meat

They prepared a stuffed **turkey** for Thanksgiving.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

agent

- n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

synonym: representative, delegate, envoy

(1) **agent** system, (2) antidiarrheal **agent**

The FBI **agent** went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.

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. a circular mo_____nt | <i>n.</i> a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively |
| 3. am_____g advances | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire |
| 4. bo_____d him with questions | <i>v.</i> to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage |
| 5. ag__t system | <i>n.</i> a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously |
| 6. el___t a confession | <i>v.</i> to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty |
| 7. ge___e downward slope | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild |
| 8. technical dr_____g | <i>n.</i> the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material |

ANSWERS: 1. par, 2. movement, 3. amazing, 4. bombard, 5. agent, 6. elicit, 7. gentle, 8. drawing

9. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
10. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
11. wo_____od experience *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
12. DNA im_____t *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
13. im_____t a memory *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
14. dr_____g for design *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
15. tho_____ul gift *adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought

ANSWERS: 9. collaborate, 10. rely, 11. womanhood, 12. imprint, 13. imprint, 14. drawing, 15. thoughtful

16. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
17. in a ge___e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
18. lose some of my sh____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
19. h__l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
20. la_____er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
21. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
22. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
23. bo_____d a fort with heavy shells *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
24. a consensual di_____e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
25. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
26. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 16. suppose, 17. gentle, 18. shyness, 19. heel, 20. laughter, 21. cousin, 22. develop, 23. bombard, 24. divorce, 25. generation, 26. intellect

27. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
28. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
29. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
30. a construction ou____t *n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.
31. traditional hom_____ng skills *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
32. midst of ch____s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
33. vitreous hu____r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
34. ar____t the thief *v.* to take into custody
35. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
36. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
37. failed ass_____ion attempt *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

ANSWERS: 27. constantly, 28. cartoon, 29. perspective, 30. outfit, 31. homemaking, 32. chaos, 33. humor, 34. arrest, 35. difficulty, 36. par, 37. assassination

38. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
39. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
40. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
41. ce_____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
42. sh_____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
43. di_____e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
44. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
45. h__l wrestler *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
46. antidiarrheal ag__t *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
47. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

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48. su____ct reply *adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive
49. te____s link *adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists
50. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
51. fl____le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
52. express my ap_____al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
53. swell like a tu____y *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
54. ar____t the progress *v.* to take into custody
55. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
56. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
57. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
58. ass_____ion plot *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

ANSWERS: 48. succinct, 49. tenuous, 50. unexpected, 51. flexible, 52. approval, 53. turkey, 54. arrest, 55. chaos, 56. twist, 57. bless, 58. assassination

59. pr____y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
60. pr____y school *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
61. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
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63. con____tly unable to start her studies *adv.* as a result or outcome of something
64. 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
65. camping ou____t *n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.
66. fe____st perspective *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

ANSWERS: 59. primary, 60. primary, 61. develop, 62. cartoon, 63. consequently, 64. tradition, 65. outfit, 66. feminist

67. extend the TV an_____a
n. an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
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84. cross-co_____n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

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ANSWERS: 85. ceiling, 86. pretension, 87. womanhood, 88. appreciation, 89. approval, 90. homemaking, 91. intellect, 92. amazing, 93. movement

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95. con_____tly affect the organs *adv.* as a result or outcome of something
96. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
97. te____s relationship *adj.* very weak or slight that it hardly exists
98. make a va__e answer *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
99. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
100. sh____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
101. sh____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
102. va__e idea *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
103. mo____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
104. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
105. eve_____ent need *adj.* always existing or noticeable; constant, ubiquitous, or pervasive
106. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 94. monitor, 95. consequently, 96. perspective, 97. tenuous, 98. vague, 99. moth, 100. shadowy, 101. shyness, 102. vague, 103. monitor, 104. moth, 105. ever-present, 106. perception

107. eve_____ent danger *adj.* always existing or noticeable; constant, ubiquitous, or pervasive
108. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
109. tu____y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
110. el____t a solution *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
111. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
112. sardonic hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
113. app_____ion for diversity *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
114. vague no____n *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
115. su_____ct explanation *adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive

ANSWERS: 107. ever-present, 108. pretension, 109. turkey, 110. elicit, 111. bless, 112. humor, 113. appreciation, 114. notion, 115. succinct

116. some une_____ed events

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

ANSWERS: 116. unexpected

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Have you _____ a response from them yet?
 - v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

2. I need to buy a new _____ for the wedding I'm attending next weekend.
 - n. a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.

3. My wife seems to be in ill _____.
 - n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

4. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
 - n. a state of being equal to someone or something

5. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
 - n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

6. _____ the company had to lay off some of its employees.
 - adv. as a result or outcome of something

7. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
 - v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

8. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
 - v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 1. elicited, 2. outfit, 3. humor, 4. par, 5. movement, 6. Consequently, 7. launch, 8. rely

9. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

10. Overprotective parents often _____ their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

11. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

12. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

13. He wanted to _____ his brand logo on the product.

v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

14. 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

15. They prepared a stuffed _____ for Thanksgiving.

n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

16. Evidence submitted by attorneys is _____ due to a lack of objectivity.

adj. very weak or slight that it hardly exists

ANSWERS: 9. gentle, 10. bombard, 11. collaborate, 12. cousins, 13. imprint, 14. tradition, 15. turkey, 16. tenuous

17. Some doctor says _____ is the best medicine.
n. the act or sound of laughing
18. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
19. This project took a lot of time to get the president's _____.
n. the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
20. The couple decided to get a _____ after many years of marriage.
n. the legal dissolution of a marriage
21. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
22. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
23. The problem of pollution is _____ in our daily lives.
adj. always existing or noticeable; constant, ubiquitous, or pervasive
24. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.
n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
25. The _____ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.
n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

ANSWERS: 17. laughter, 18. generation, 19. approval, 20. divorce, 21. universal, 22. twisted, 23. ever-present, 24. perception, 25. notion

26. The celebration of _____ is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.
n. the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
27. The _____ rumor turned out to be false.
adj. not clearly expressed or understood
28. _____ duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.
n. the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
29. The _____ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.
adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
30. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
31. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.
n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
32. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.
n. a room's top interior surface

ANSWERS: 26. womanhood, 27. vague, 28. Homemaking, 29. feminist, 30. perspective, 31. cartoon, 32. ceiling

33. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

34. My manager gave me a _____ summary of the project's goals and objectives.

adj. concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive

35. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

36. She is talented at _____ and has won several awards for her artwork.

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

37. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

38. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

39. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.

v. to take into custody

40. The artist received a lot of _____ for his latest work.

n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

ANSWERS: 33. blessed, 34. succinct, 35. constantly, 36. drawing, 37. flexible, 38. amazing, 39. arrest, 40. appreciation

41. He had a special _____ for public relations
- n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
42. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
- n.* a condition or state that causes problems
43. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.
- v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
44. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
45. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
46. The company's CEO made a _____ decision to offer employees more flexibility in their work schedules.
- adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought
47. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
- adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
48. The _____ of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.
- n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

ANSWERS: 41. antenna, 42. difficulty, 43. monitor, 44. circumstances, 45. suppose, 46. thoughtful, 47. unexpected, 48. assassination

49. She wore high _____ to the party.

- n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

50. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

- adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

51. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

52. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.

- n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

53. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.

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

54. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

55. He finally overcame his _____.

- n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

ANSWERS: 49. heels, 50. shadowy, 51. pretensions, 52. chaos, 53. moth, 54. develop, 55. shyness

56. The FBI _____ went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.

- n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

57. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

- adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

58. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 56. agent, 57. primary, 58. intellect