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Session 1: Word List

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

matte

adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
synonym: dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish

The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym: foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the

accident.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

candidate

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

synonym: applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

dependence

n. the state or condition of relying or depending on someone or something else; a relationship in which one person or thing is influenced, controlled, or supported by another

synonym: reliance, trust, addiction

(1) **dependence** on technology, (2) financial **dependence**

The patient's **dependence** on painkillers became a serious concern for their healthcare team.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible

synonym: slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

understate

v. to represent something as less important or significant than it is; to downplay or make something seem less dramatic or intense

synonym : downplay, underemphasize, minimize

(1) **understate** the cost, (2) deliberately **understate**

He tends to **understate** his abilities and needs to give himself more credit.

camouflage

n. an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

synonym : guise, mask, cloak

(1) **camouflage** clothing, (2) work as **camouflage**

They utilized branches of trees as **camouflage**.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

dependent

adj. relying on someone or something else for support or aid

synonym : reliant, subject, subordinate

(1) dose- **dependent** induction, (2) a **dependent** person

The small island nation is heavily **dependent** on tourism as its main source of income.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym : contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

conflicting

adj. incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement

synonym : incompatible, inconsistent, contradictory

(1) a lot of **conflicting** information, (2) make **conflicting** allegations

The witness's testimony was **conflicting** with the evidence found at the scene.

id

n. a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card

synonym : identity, ego, persona

(1) the **id** ego, (2) **ID** card

I forgot my **ID** at home and needed it to enter the club.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym : pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

numb

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

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

federal

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are

implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

synonym : national, central, governmental

(1) **federal** regulations, (2) **federal** funding

The **federal** government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym : legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

slice

n. a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

synonym : piece, portion, slit

(1) a **slice** of the company's revenue, (2) **slice** a tomato thin

The children complained because one **slice** of cake was slightly larger than the other.

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.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym: understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

shape-shifter

n. a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures

synonym: changer, transformer

(1) **shape-shifter** creature, (2) mythological **shape-shifter**

The **shape-shifter's** ability to transform into different creatures was fascinating and terrifying.

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.

adjust

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

synonym : adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror

You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym : skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

clarify

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

synonym : explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

environmentalist

n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

synonym : conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

coalition

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

synonym: union, confederation, alliance

(1) a three-party **coalition**, (2) **coalition** forces

The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a **coalition** in the next elections.

comprise

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

synonym: consist of, include, be composed of

(1) **comprise** a large percentage, (2) **comprise** the recent past

The team **comprises** players from different countries.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

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.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym : depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

secrete

v. to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something

synonym : excrete, seep, discharge

(1) **secrete** mucus, (2) **secrete** enzymes

The glands in the body **secrete** hormones that regulate various bodily functions.

rod

n. a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment

synonym : stick, wand, staff

(1) **rod** cell, (2) curtain **rod**

He used a fishing **rod** to catch the biggest fish of the day.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

baseline

n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

synonym: standard, criterion

(1) **baseline** budget, (2) establish a **baseline**

The products they sell are the **baseline** for performance in the industry.

republic

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

synonym: democracy, federation, commonwealth

(1) **republic** democracy, (2) the **republic** of art

The United States is a federal presidential constitutional **republic**.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym : spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

bipartisan

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

synonym : neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

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.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym: pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

deregulation

n. the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

synonym : liberalization

(1) **deregulation** of the economy, (2) aviation **deregulation**

The government's **deregulation** of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.

significance

n. the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

synonym : importance, value, worth

(1) **significance** level, (2) mystical **significance**

The **significance** of his discovery cannot be overstated.

portion

n. one component of a larger entity

synonym : part, amount, fragment

(1) the inner **portion** of the body, (2) large **portion**

The rocket's front **portion** falls off.

telecom

n. (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet

synonym : communication, telecommunications, telephony

(1) **telecom** industry, (2) **telecom** service providers

The **telecom** company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.

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.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym : essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym : government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

invasive

adj. spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop

synonym : aggressive, rampant, spreading

(1) **invasive** breast cancer, (2) **invasive** species

The **invasive** disease can spread quickly and potentially cause a global pandemic.

pathological

adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

synonym : aberrant, diseased, abnormal

(1) **pathological** liar, (2) **pathological** condition

The doctor was concerned that the patient's **pathological** fear of germs impacted their daily life.

fraction

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

synonym : piece, part, fragment

(1) a **fractional** share of the vote, (2) a numerator in a **fraction**

He spent only a **fraction** of his earnings.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym : change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of

an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym: charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

dysfunction

n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

synonym: malfunction, disorder, disfunction

(1) **dysfunction** of kidneys, (2) brain **dysfunction**

The **dysfunction** in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.

fundraise

v. to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

synonym: appeal, raise, solicit

(1) **fundraise** a charity fund, (2) **fundraise** for a new shelter
The school is planning to **fundraise** to purchase new books for the library.

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

synonym: cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program
This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**
Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

striking

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

synonym: arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence
The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban
Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination
We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

polio

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

synonym : poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

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.

translator

n. a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another

synonym : interpreter

(1) electronic **translator**, (2) professional **translator**

The author discovered that the **translator** had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.

fusion

n. the process of combining two or more things to form a single entity

synonym : merger, consolidation, amalgamation

(1) heat **fusion**, (2) **fusion** cuisine

Nuclear **fusion** is a process in which atomic nuclei combine to form heavier nuclei.

garage

n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

synonym : carport, shed, barn

(1) electrical **garage** door, (2) **garage** repair
He parked his car in the private **garage**.

sensible

adj. having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical;
marked by a perception of the importance or
seriousness of something

synonym: reasonable, practical, pragmatic

(1) **sensible** decision, (2) **sensible** approach
It's **sensible** to wear a helmet when riding a bike.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a
hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity
Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some
long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change
Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our
lifestyles.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have
more opportunity, money, etc. than others;
(mathematics) relation between two values when they
are different

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**
There are several causes of economic **inequality** within
societies.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or
curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months
He was sick for five **straight** days.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

analytics

n. the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis

synonym: data analysis, statistics

(1) major in **analytics**, (2) **analytics** tools

Advanced **analytics** is helping the business to make better data-driven decisions.

restore

v. to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position

synonym: fix, mend, reestablish

(1) **restore** order, (2) **restore** the emperor to the throne

The military regime has promised to **restore** democracy as soon as possible.

constitutional

adj. of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

synonym: fundamental, basic, inherent

(1) **constitutional** ban, (2) a **constitutional** disease

The right to free speech is a **constitutional** right in the United States.

amendment

n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law

synonym: modification, revision, emendation

(1) constitutional **amendment**, (2) make an **amendment** to a contract

The opposition politicians jointly proposed an **amendment** to that law.

statute

n. a law that is passed by a parliament, council, etc. and formally written down

synonym : rule, law, decree

(1) **statute** of frauds, (2) the **statute** book

The government asserted four claims based on three federal **statutes**.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym : offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

voucher

n. a document serving as evidence or proof of payment or authorization for something, often used for reimbursement or exchange

synonym : coupon, token, certificate

(1) travel **voucher**, (2) gift **voucher**

I received a **voucher** for a free meal at the restaurant.

grassroots

adj. of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group

synonym : fundamental, major, elemental

(1) a **grassroots** movement for nuclear disarmament,

(2) the **grassroots** factor in making the decision

The feeling among the company's **grassroots** is that the CEO is not radical enough.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym : decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

bureaucracy

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

synonym: administration, government, system

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

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

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

calculated

adj. done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance

synonym: premeditated, willful, deliberate

(1) **calculated** bankruptcy, (2) **calculated** crime

The company made a **calculated** decision to invest in new technology.

salary

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

synonym: compensation, earnings, pay

(1) a handsome **salary**, (2) **salary** after taxes

What are your annual **salary** expectations?

skepticism

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

synonym: distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

cynicism

n. a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

synonym: distrust, skepticism, pessimism

(1) **cynicism** towards politics, (2) intellectual **cynicism**

His constant **cynicism** made it difficult for him to connect with others.

impossibility

n. the state or condition of being impossible; something that is not possible or cannot be done

synonym: impracticality, infeasibility, impossibleness

(1) **impossibility** theorem, (2) **impossibility** of performance

According to the laws of physics, an event happening before its cause is a logical **impossibility**.

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym : attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

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.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

homophobia

n. a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bigotry

(1) **homophobia** awareness, (2) **homophobia** in sports

The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated **homophobia**.

racist

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

synonym : discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

(1) far-right **racist**, (2) **racist** attitudes

The **racist** comments made by the politician caused

widespread condemnation.

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.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym: all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym : donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym : conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

kick-start

v. to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm

synonym : initiate, start, launch

(1) **kick-start** the project, (2) **kick-start** the economy

She needed to **kick-start** her weight loss journey.

irrelevant

adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important

synonym : unrelated, immaterial, extrinsic

(1) an **irrelevant** thought, (2) do something **irrelevant**

They removed **irrelevant** content from the slides.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym: jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

terminal

n. a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route

synonym: endpoint, final, concluding

(1) **terminal** disease, (2) a **terminal** syllable

The **terminal** at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym : curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

liberal

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

synonym : broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions

He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

pundit

n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

synonym : expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym : treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym : meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

wrought

adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

synonym : made, produced, created

(1) well- **wrought** steel, (2) tragedy **wrought** by hurricane

He won an award for his photographs of the ruins **wrought** by the war.

madam

n. a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect

synonym : lady, ma'am, madame

(1) **madam** speaker, (2) dear **madam**

Madam President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?

Session 2: Spelling

1. cl____y a goal
v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
2. tragedy wr____t by hurricane
adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
3. re____m movement
n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
4. plastic d__l
n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
5. fu_____se a charity fund
v. to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
6. imp_____ity theorem
n. the state or condition of being impossible; something that is not possible or cannot be done
7. the id ego
n. a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card

ANSWERS: 1. clarify, 2. wrought, 3. reform, 4. doll, 5. fundraise, 6. impossibility, 7. id

8. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
9. a three-party co_____on *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
10. st_____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
11. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
12. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
13. 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
14. ra____t attitudes *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
15. dep_____ce on technology *n.* the state or condition of relying or depending on someone or something else; a relationship in which one person or thing is influenced, controlled, or supported by another
16. under li_____l conditions *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

ANSWERS: 8. evil, 9. coalition, 10. striking, 11. par, 12. constant, 13. argument, 14. racist, 15. dependence, 16. liberal

17. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
18. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
19. arbitrary bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
20. a gra_____ts movement for nuclear disarmament *adj.* of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
21. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
22. se_____le decision *adj.* having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something
23. ig_____e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
24. pol_____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

ANSWERS: 17. straight, 18. president, 19. bureaucracy, 20. grassroots, 21. economy, 22. sensible, 23. ignore, 24. polarization

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. ch_____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
27. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
28. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
29. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
30. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
31. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
32. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
33. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 25. generation, 26. cherish, 27. hopeless, 28. republican, 29. frame, 30. congress, 31. maximum, 32. increasingly, 33. hell

34. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
35. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
36. ba_____ne budget *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
37. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
38. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
39. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
40. te_____al disease *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
41. kic_____rt the project *v.* to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm
42. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
43. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 34. corruption, 35. vast, 36. baseline, 37. evolve, 38. brain, 39. awareness, 40. terminal, 41. kick-start, 42. representative, 43. opportune

44. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
45. pat_____cal liar *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
46. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
47. sa____y after taxes *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
48. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
49. ad____t a schedule *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
50. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
51. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
52. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others

ANSWERS: 44. constantly, 45. pathological, 46. colleague, 47. salary, 48. doll, 49. adjust, 50. afford, 51. policy, 52. exclusive

53. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
54. a sl__e of the company's revenue *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
55. st_____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
56. imp_____ity of performance *n.* the state or condition of being impossible; something that is not possible or cannot be done
57. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
58. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
59. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
60. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
61. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
62. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others

ANSWERS: 53. intuition, 54. slice, 55. striking, 56. impossibility, 57. climate, 58. candidate, 59. grab, 60. increasingly, 61. contribution, 62. exclusive

72. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
73. do something irr_____nt *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
74. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
75. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
76. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
77. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
78. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
79. heat fu___n *n.* the process of combining two or more things to form a single entity
80. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
81. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
82. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
83. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree

ANSWERS: 72. fee, 73. irrelevant, 74. industrious, 75. extraordinary, 76. eradicate, 77. inequality, 78. numb, 79. fusion, 80. adopt, 81. relative, 82. climate, 83. extreme

84. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
85. a lot of con_____ng information *adj.* incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement
86. major in an_____cs *n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
87. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
88. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
89. re_____e the emperor to the throne *v.* to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
90. l___n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
91. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
92. lo___y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
93. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
94. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

ANSWERS: 84. president, 85. conflicting, 86. analytics, 87. ignore, 88. industrious, 89. restore, 90. lean, 91. Senate, 92. lobby, 93. constantly, 94. corruption

95. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
96. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
97. sports pu___t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
98. fe_____l regulations *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
99. electronic tra_____or *n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
100. st_____e of frauds *n.* a law that is passed by a parliament, council, etc. and formally written down
101. make an am_____nt to a contract *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
102. a li_____l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
103. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
104. an env_____ist political party *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

ANSWERS: 95. universal, 96. grant, 97. pundit, 98. federal, 99. translator, 100. statute, 101. amendment, 102. liberal, 103. cycle, 104. environmentalist

105. the re____ic of art *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
106. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
107. dose-de_____nt induction *adj.* relying on someone or something else for support or aid
108. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
109. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
110. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
111. sl__e a tomato thin *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
112. sig_____nce level *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
113. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
114. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

ANSWERS: 105. republic, 106. Senate, 107. dependent, 108. convinced, 109. ultimate, 110. doubt, 111. slice, 112. significance, 113. lobby, 114. candidate

115. und_____te the cost *v.* to represent something as less important or significant than it is; to downplay or make something seem less dramatic or intense
116. photo with a ma__e finish *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
117. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
118. sh_____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
119. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
120. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
121. dedicated env_____ist *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
122. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
123. mathematically so_____le equation *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 115. understate, 116. matte, 117. representative, 118. shifting, 119. reform, 120. republican, 121. environmentalist, 122. inequality, 123. solvable

124. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
125. fu_____se for a new shelter *v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
126. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
127. se_____le approach *adj.* having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something
128. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
129. the st_____e book *n.* a law that is passed by a parliament, council, etc. and formally written down
130. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
131. financial dep_____ce *n.* the state or condition of relying or depending on someone or something else; a relationship in which one person or thing is influenced, controlled, or supported by another
132. se_____e enzymes *v.* to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something

ANSWERS: 124. gore, 125. fundraise, 126. evolve, 127. sensible, 128. ultimate, 129. statute, 130. overnight, 131. dependence, 132. secrete

133. re____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
134. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
135. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
136. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
137. a te_____al syllable *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
138. ch__f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
139. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
140. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
141. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
142. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 133. republic, 134. principle, 135. lean, 136. statistics, 137. terminal, 138. chief, 139. relevance, 140. statistics, 141. shifting, 142. government

143. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
144. 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
145. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
146. work as cam_____ge *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
147. te_____m service providers *n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
148. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
149. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
150. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

ANSWERS: 143. branch, 144. develop, 145. extreme, 146. camouflage, 147. telecom, 148. doubt, 149. numb, 150. eradicate

151. establish a ba____ne *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
152. an____cs tools *n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
153. in____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
154. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
155. ga___e repair *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
156. the su____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
157. cy____sm towards politics *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
158. a su___e poison *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
159. a corrupt pol____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
160. 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

ANSWERS: 151. baseline, 152. analytics, 153. influence, 154. frame, 155. garage, 156. supreme, 157. cynicism, 158. subtle, 159. politician, 160. tradition

161. large po____n *n.* one component of a larger entity
162. cam_____ge clothing *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
163. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
164. sha_____ter creature *n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures
165. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
166. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
167. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
168. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
169. the blue-blooded ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
170. co_____on forces *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

ANSWERS: 161. portion, 162. camouflage, 163. influence, 164. shape-shifter, 165. quo, 166. vice, 167. obvious, 168. politician, 169. aristocracy, 170. coalition

171. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
172. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
173. ca___r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
174. te____m industry *n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
175. 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
176. travel vo____r *n.* a document serving as evidence or proof of payment or authorization for something, often used for reimbursement or exchange
177. po__o eradication *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
178. mythological sha_____ter *n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures

ANSWERS: 171. shrink, 172. humming, 173. cancer, 174. telecom, 175. tradition, 176. voucher, 177. polio, 178. shape-shifter

179. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
180. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
181. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
182. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
183. an innovative pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
184. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
185. former co____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
186. constitutional am____nt *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
187. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
188. gen____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 179. cycle, 180. straight, 181. grab, 182. adopt, 183. proposal, 184. damn, 185. colleague, 186. amendment, 187. elect, 188. generation

189. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
190. natural ske_____sm *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
191. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
192. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
193. electrical ga___e door *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
194. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
195. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
196. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

ANSWERS: 189. odds, 190. skepticism, 191. obvious, 192. racism, 193. garage, 194. hell, 195. contribution, 196. convention

197. justice of the su____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
198. dear ma__m *n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
199. con_____on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
200. the nation's ca_____l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
201. dys_____on of kidneys *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
202. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
203. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
204. a de_____nt person *adj.* relying on someone or something else for support or aid
205. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
206. professional tra_____or *n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
207. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

ANSWERS: 197. supreme, 198. madam, 199. convention, 200. capitol, 201. dysfunction, 202. bureaucracy, 203. democracy, 204. dependent, 205. awareness, 206. translator, 207. branch

208. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
209. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
210. a baseball le___e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
211. a fr_____onal share of the vote *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
212. ID card *n.* a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card
213. terrestrial gl___e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
214. ma__m speaker *n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
215. brain dys_____on *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

ANSWERS: 208. government, 209. overnight, 210. league, 211. fraction, 212. id, 213. globe, 214. madam, 215. dysfunction

216. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
217. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
218. ad___t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
219. the ma____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
220. po__o epidemic *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
221. far-right ra___t *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
222. de____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
223. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
224. an irr_____nt thought *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
225. cal_____ed bankruptcy *adj.* done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance

ANSWERS: 216. shrink, 217. relative, 218. adjust, 219. maximum, 220. polio, 221. racist, 222. democracy, 223. necessarily, 224. irrelevant, 225. calculated

226. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
227. ch____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
228. h__k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
229. wanted cr____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
230. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
231. hom____ia in sports *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity
232. nec____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
233. intellectual cy____sm *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

ANSWERS: 226. damn, 227. cherish, 228. hack, 229. criminal, 230. opportune, 231. homophobia, 232. necessarily, 233. cynicism

234. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
235. in_____ve breast cancer *adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop
236. fu____n cuisine *n.* the process of combining two or more things to form a single entity
237. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
238. well-wr_____t steel *adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
239. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
240. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
241. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
242. the gra_____ts factor in making the decision *adj.* of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
243. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
244. 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

ANSWERS: 234. extraordinary, 235. invasive, 236. fusion, 237. grant, 238. wrought, 239. par, 240. quo, 241. vast, 242. grassroots, 243. evil, 244. argument

252. mystical sig_____nce *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
253. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
254. ca___r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
255. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
256. a numerator in a fr_____on *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
257. sc_____le my mind *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
258. gift vo_____r *n.* a document serving as evidence or proof of payment or authorization for something, often used for reimbursement or exchange
259. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
260. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 252. significance, 253. fee, 254. cancer, 255. background, 256. fraction, 257. scramble, 258. voucher, 259. incentive, 260. brain

261. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
262. promote bip_____an cooperation *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
263. sc_____le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
264. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
265. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
266. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
267. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
268. cl_____y his feelings *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
269. re_____e order *v.* to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position

ANSWERS: 261. economy, 262. bipartisan, 263. scramble, 264. principle, 265. chief, 266. congressperson, 267. incentive, 268. clarify, 269. restore

270. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
271. r_d cell *n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
272. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
273. aviation der_____ion *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
274. make con_____ng allegations *adj.* incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement
275. Ca_____l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
276. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
277. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
278. in_____ve species *adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop
279. hom_____ia awareness *n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

ANSWERS: 270. globe, 271. rod, 272. odds, 273. deregulation, 274. conflicting, 275. capitol, 276. universal, 277. humming, 278. invasive, 279. homophobia

280. ho____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
281. systemic ra____m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
282. dielectric pol____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
283. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
284. conservative pu____t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
285. co____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
286. le____e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
287. the inner po____n of the body *n.* one component of a larger entity
288. details of his pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

ANSWERS: 280. hopeless, 281. racism, 282. polarization, 283. hack, 284. pundit, 285. compete, 286. league, 287. portion, 288. proposal

289. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
290. pat_____cal condition *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
291. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
292. a handsome sa____y *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
293. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
294. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
295. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
296. ma__e coating *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
297. su____e changes *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
298. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
299. kic_____rt the economy *v.* to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 289. compete, 290. pathological, 291. afford, 292. salary, 293. criminal, 294. constant, 295. intuition, 296. matte, 297. subtle, 298. background, 299. kick-start

300. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
301. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
302. curtain r_d *n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
303. cal_____ed crime *adj.* done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance
304. member of the ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
305. con_____nal ban *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
306. so_____le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 300. vice, 301. gore, 302. rod, 303. calculated, 304. aristocracy, 305. constitutional, 306. solvable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.
adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
2. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
3. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
4. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
n. a state of being equal to someone or something
5. The antique ____ was worth thousands of dollars.
n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
6. According to the laws of physics, an event happening before its cause is a logical _____.
n. the state or condition of being impossible; something that is not possible or cannot be done
7. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
8. She needed to _____ her weight loss journey.
v. to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 1. chief, 2. president, 3. industrious, 4. par, 5. doll, 6. impossibility, 7. Doubt, 8. kick-start

9. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.
adj. not divided or shared with others
10. The _____ ability to transform into different creatures was fascinating and terrifying.
n. a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures
11. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.
adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
12. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.
adj. highest in rank, level, or importance
13. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
14. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.
adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
15. The school is planning to _____ to purchase new books for the library.
v. to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
16. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.
v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

ANSWERS: 9. exclusive, 10. shape-shifter's, 11. maximum, 12. supreme, 13. proposal, 14. solvable, 15. fundraise, 16. hacking

17. The government asserted four claims based on three federal _____.
- n.* a law that is passed by a parliament, council, etc. and formally written down
18. The political _____ provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.
- n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
19. 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
20. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
21. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
22. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
23. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
- v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
24. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
- n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

ANSWERS: 17. statutes, 18. pundit, 19. develop, 20. adopted, 21. grab, 22. Constant, 23. elected, 24. Senate

25. The witness's testimony was _____ with the evidence found at the scene.
adj. incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement
26. The _____ lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.
n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
27. The glands in the body _____ hormones that regulate various bodily functions.
v. to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something
28. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
29. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
30. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
31. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.
adj. not readily apparent or visible
32. The lawyer's ____ for the case was \$10,000.
n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

ANSWERS: 25. conflicting, 26. environmentalist, 27. secrete, 28. globe, 29. intuitions, 30. frame, 31. subtle, 32. fee

33. He is _____ in his thoughts.

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior;
open-minded

34. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought,
memory, and feeling

35. The United States is a federal presidential constitutional _____.

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold
supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a
monarch

36. 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

37. The children complained because one _____ of cake was slightly larger than the
other.

n. a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a
larger piece; a wound made by cutting

38. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

39. He parked his car in the private _____.

n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

40. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine
problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation,
and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 33. liberal, 34. brain, 35. republic, 36. generation, 37. slice, 38. obvious,
39. garage, 40. statistics

41. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

42. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

43. The _____ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

44. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

45. The two plays have many _____ parallels.

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

46. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

47. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.

adj. constantly changing or moving

ANSWERS: 41. evolved, 42. extreme, 43. polio, 44. constantly, 45. striking, 46. racism, 47. shifting

48. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
49. The opposition politicians jointly proposed an _____ to that law.
- n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
50. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
51. The police tried to _____ the facts concerning her death.
- v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
52. What are the _____ that he will survive?
- n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
53. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
- adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
54. She _____ the memories of her childhood.
- v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
55. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.
- n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

ANSWERS: 48. politician, 49. amendment, 50. background, 51. clarify, 52. odds, 53. overnight, 54. cherished, 55. bureaucracy

56. The media _____ had special passes.

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

57. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

58. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

59. The author discovered that the _____ had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.

n. a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another

60. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

61. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

62. They met at biennial _____.

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

63. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

ANSWERS: 56. representatives, 57. scrambled, 58. afford, 59. translator, 60. league, 61. granted, 62. conventions, 63. hopeless

64. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
65. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
66. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.
n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
67. The team _____ players from different countries.
v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
68. The company made a _____ decision to invest in new technology.
adj. done with careful thought or planning; deliberate and intentional; based on a process of reasoning or estimation rather than on instinct or chance
69. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
70. 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
71. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.
v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

ANSWERS: 64. convinced, 65. colleague, 66. candidate's, 67. comprises, 68. calculated, 69. economy, 70. argument, 71. adjust

72. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

73. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

74. The military regime has promised to _____ democracy as soon as possible.

v. to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position

75. The term of a _____ is two years.

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

76. He spent only a _____ of his earnings.

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

77. The legislation was passed with _____ support from both parties.

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

78. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

79. _____ President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?

n. a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect

ANSWERS: 72. necessarily, 73. extraordinary, 74. restore, 75. congressperson, 76. fraction, 77. bipartisan, 78. vice, 79. Madam

80. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
81. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
82. Advanced _____ is helping the business to make better data-driven decisions.
- n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
83. 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
84. The small island nation is heavily _____ on tourism as its main source of income.
- adj.* relying on someone or something else for support or aid
85. Nuclear _____ is a process in which atomic nuclei combine to form heavier nuclei.
- n.* the process of combining two or more things to form a single entity
86. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 80. ignored, 81. principle, 82. analytics, 83. tradition, 84. dependent, 85. fusion, 86. hell

87. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
88. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.
- adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
89. The food chain causes a material _____.
- n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
90. The _____ government announced new regulations to protect the environment.
- adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
91. What are your annual _____ expectations?
- n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
92. They removed _____ content from the slides.
- adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
93. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
- n.* a person who has committed a crime
94. The _____ in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.
- n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

ANSWERS: 87. influence, 88. evil, 89. cycle, 90. federal, 91. salary, 92. irrelevant, 93. criminal, 94. dysfunction

95. The body of his car has a _____ finish.
adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
96. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
97. They utilized branches of trees as _____.
n. an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
98. He was sick for five _____ days.
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
99. The government's _____ of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.
n. the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
100. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
101. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
102. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

ANSWERS: 95. matte, 96. vast, 97. camouflage, 98. straight, 99. deregulation, 100. Lean, 101. Congress, 102. republican

103. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

104. The patient's _____ on painkillers became a serious concern for their healthcare team.

n. the state or condition of relying or depending on someone or something else; a relationship in which one person or thing is influenced, controlled, or supported by another

105. The feeling among the company's _____ is that the CEO is not radical enough.

adj. of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group

106. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

adv. more and more

107. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

108. The right to free speech is a _____ right in the United States.

adj. of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

109. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

ANSWERS: 103. universal, 104. dependence, 105. grassroots, 106. increasingly, 107. policy, 108. constitutional, 109. relevance

110. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

111. Despite his popularity among the _____ he was unpopular with the general public.

n. a group of persons with high social status

112. The _____ company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.

n. (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet

113. He won an award for his photographs of the ruins _____ by the war.

adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

114. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

115. I received a _____ for a free meal at the restaurant.

n. a document serving as evidence or proof of payment or authorization for something, often used for reimbursement or exchange

116. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

117. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

ANSWERS: 110. humming, 111. aristocracy, 112. telecom, 113. wrought, 114. polarization, 115. voucher, 116. government, 117. capitol

118. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

- v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

119. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

- v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

120. The products they sell are the _____ for performance in the industry.

- n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

121. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.

- v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

122. The politician's remarks about same-sex marriage revealed his deep-seated _____.

- n.* a strong fear, aversion, or hostility towards people who are homosexual or towards homosexuality itself; discrimination or prejudice against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals based on their sexual orientation or gender identity

123. The rocket's front _____ falls off.

- n.* one component of a larger entity

124. This party expresses _____ about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

- n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

ANSWERS: 118. shrink, 119. damn, 120. baseline, 121. eradicate, 122. homophobia, 123. portion, 124. skepticism

125. I forgot my ___ at home and needed it to enter the club.

- n.* a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card

126. The _____ of his discovery cannot be overstated.

- n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

127. My left arm became _____.

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

128. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

129. The doctor was concerned that the patient's _____ fear of germs impacted their daily life.

- adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

130. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.

- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

131. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

ANSWERS: 125. ID, 126. significance, 127. numb, 128. opportune, 129. pathological, 130. cancer, 131. Climate

132. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
133. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.
n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
134. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.
n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
135. The _____ at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.
n. a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
136. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
137. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
138. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
139. It's _____ to wear a helmet when riding a bike.
adj. having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something

ANSWERS: 132. inequality, 133. contribution, 134. quo, 135. terminal, 136. relatives, 137. awareness, 138. ultimate, 139. sensible

140. They have no _____ to win the game.

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

141. The _____ disease can spread quickly and potentially cause a global pandemic.

adj. spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop

142. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

143. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

144. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

145. The hunter _____ the deer with an arrow.

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

146. He used a fishing _____ to catch the biggest fish of the day.

n. a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment

ANSWERS: 140. incentive, 141. invasive, 142. lobby, 143. branch, 144. corruption, 145. gored, 146. rod

147. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

148. The _____ comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

149. He tends to _____ his abilities and needs to give himself more credit.

v. to represent something as less important or significant than it is; to downplay or make something seem less dramatic or intense

150. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

151. The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a _____ in the next elections.

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

152. His constant _____ made it difficult for him to connect with others.

n. a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

153. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

ANSWERS: 147. Democracy, 148. racist, 149. understate, 150. compete, 151. coalition, 152. cynicism, 153. reform

ANSWERS: