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Session 1: Word List

mecca

n. a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam

synonym : cynosure, center

(1) tourist **mecca**, (2) **mecca** for surfers

The building has become a **mecca** for fans of the movie.

holy

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

synonym : sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

shrine

n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

synonym : altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**

The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym : tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

mosque

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

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

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

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym: implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym: ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

separate

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

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

worship

v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

synonym: adore, idolize

(1) **worship** god, (2) absolutely **worship**

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

circular

adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form

synonym: round, loopy, oblique

(1) **circular** economy, (2) non- **circular** orbit

The **circular** shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

downtown

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city
synonym : central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic
He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**
The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

mingle

v. to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
synonym : mix, blend, merge

(1) **mingle** with colleagues, (2) **mingle** with the locals
I decided to **mingle** with the crowd and converse with some new people.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**
The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

synonym: whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

synonym: degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

prophet

n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

synonym: oracle, visionary, seer

(1) false **prophet**, (2) words of the **prophet**

In this tribe, people believed the **prophet** would save them from many calamities.

emphasis

n. particular importance or significance that is given to something

synonym: priority, stress, focus

(1) **emphasis** on color, (2) lay great **emphasis** on policy

The spotlight gave the central figure increased **emphasis**.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
synonym : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**
The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read
synonym : evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated
The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
synonym : affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction
Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

seclusion

n. the state of being secluded or isolated from others; privacy or solitude; the act of keeping away from others or being kept away from them
synonym : isolation, solitude, segregation

(1) solitary **seclusion**, (2) self-imposed **seclusion**
The writer sought **seclusion** in a remote cabin to focus on completing his novel.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something
synonym : center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity
These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

divine

adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
synonym : godly, holy, sacred

(1) **divine** intervention, (2) **divine** grace
The view from the mountaintop was truly **divine**.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

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.

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.

preexist

v. to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before

synonym : antedate, precede

(1) **preexist** the modern city, (2) **preexist** the current political tensions

The idea for the novel **preexisted** as fragments of a dream in the author's mind.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

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.

byzantine

adj. characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand

synonym : complex, convoluted, labyrinthine

(1) **Byzantine** rites, (2) **Byzantine** art

The **Byzantine** Empire was known for its complex political system and culture.

religion

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

synonym : faith, creed, belief

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

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

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

turkey

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

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

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

perception

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

synonym : understanding, idea, awareness

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

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

medieval

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym : gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

pious

adj. deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices

synonym : religious, devout, godly

(1) **pious** belief, (2) **pious** follower

The **pious** woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym : traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

loyal

adj. giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;

synonym : dedicated, devoted, faithful

(1) a **loyal** friend, (2) become a **loyal** customer

Enemy armies are **loyal** to their monarch.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym : stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

mandate

n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

synonym : command, instruction, authority

(1) **mandate** obligation, (2) an Imperial **mandate**

The **mandate** given to the new government is to improve the economy.

troubling

adj. causing distress, anxiety, worry, or concern; disturbing; causing problems or difficulties

synonym : disturbing, unsettling, concerning

(1) **troubling** anecdotes, (2) a **troubling** trend
The news of the pandemic's spread is **troubling** and concerning.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

readily

adv. easily or willingly; without hesitation or difficulty; quickly or promptly

synonym: easily, effortlessly, willingly

(1) **readily** available, (2) **readily** accessible

The user manual can **readily** find the information you're looking for.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

ordain

v. to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service

synonym: consecrate, appoint, order

(1) **ordain** a deacon, (2) **ordain** a minister

The bishop will **ordain** new priests next week during the religious ceremony.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

circumcise

v. to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual

synonym: cut, remove, excise

(1) **circumcise** a newborn, (2) **circumcise** a child

It is common in some cultures to **circumcise** infant boys as a rite of passage.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

migrate

v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or

seasonally

synonym : relocate, emigrate, roam

(1) **migrate** across borders, (2) **migrate** a service

Many Germans **migrated** to South America in the mid-19th century.

predate

v. to have existed or happened earlier than something

synonym : foredate, antedate, precede

(1) **predate** A.D. 200., (2) **predate** the modern age

The idea of virtual worlds **predates** computers.

tellingly

adv. in a way that reveals or indicates something crucial or significant

synonym : revealingly, significantly, suggestively

(1) **tellingly** accurate, (2) **tellingly** similar

Her choice of words in the email was **tellingly** direct.

Muslim

n. a follower of the religion of Islam

synonym : Islamic, believer

(1) predominantly **Muslim** country, (2) **Muslim** culture

The **Muslim** community in the city is small but growing.

animism

n. the belief that objects, places, and creatures possess a spiritual essence or soul; a belief system that emphasizes the interconnectedness of all living things and the natural world

synonym : spirit worship, anthropomorphism, paganism

(1) traditional **animism**, (2) **animism** practices

The belief that objects have spirits is a central tenet of **animism**.

Christ

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

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

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

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym : family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

subscribe

v. to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

synonym : sign up, enroll, register

(1) **subscribe** to the service, (2) **subscribe** a petition

I want to **subscribe** to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym : integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

killing

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

synonym : slaughter, homicide, assassination

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

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

recurrent

adj. occurring again, repeatedly, or frequently; returning

synonym : continual, repeated, frequent

(1) **recurrent** problem, (2) **recurrent** miscarriage

The patient has been experiencing **recurrent** headaches for weeks.

theme

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

synonym : subject, topic, motif

(1) **theme** park, (2) central **theme**

The **theme** of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym : calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym : freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

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.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value
We would **appreciate** an early reply.

authoritarian

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

synonym : dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government
The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

impose

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

synonym : charge, levy, foist

(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs
The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

movement

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

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops
The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

regime

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

synonym : administration, establishment, government

(1) a puppet **regime**, (2) exercise **regime**

Totalitarian **regimes** are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

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.

hijab

n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

synonym: veil, headscarf, cover

(1) woman's **hijab**, (2) **hijab** garment

Many Muslim women wear a **hijab** as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym: landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

secular

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
synonym : nonreligious, materialistic, temporal

(1) **secular** trends, (2) normal **secular** life

The school was founded as a **secular** institution with no religious affiliations.

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**.

veil

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

synonym : cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

stud

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

synonym : beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

tyrannical

adj. using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way

synonym : despotic, oppressive, authoritarian

(1) a **tyrannical** government, (2) a **tyrannical** parent

Tyrannical Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

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.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

subtitle

n. a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

synonym : caption, heading, inscription

(1) chart **subtitle**, (2) foreign-language **subtitle**

Make sure to turn on **subtitles** so you can understand the foreign film.

perspective

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

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

monotheistic

adj. believing that there is only one God

(1) **monotheistic** faith, (2) a member of a **monotheistic** sect

Monotheistic religions have historically developed in denial of polytheistic religions.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success"

rigorously.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

agent

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

synonym: representative, delegate, envoy

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

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

communitarianism

n. a social and political philosophy that emphasizes the importance of community, cooperation, and shared values over individual interests

synonym: collectivism, social solidarity

(1) civic **communitarianism**, (2) political **communitarianism**

The town's governance model is rooted in **communitarianism** principles, focusing on collective welfare over individual interests.

derive

v. to obtain or receive something from a source

synonym: deduce, judge, infer

(1) **derive** a conclusion, (2) **derive** knowledge from books

These English words are **derived** from Latin.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

mentality

n. the characteristic way of thinking or mindset of an individual or group; the mental attitude or outlook that influences behavior, choices, and opinions

synonym : mindset, intellect, brainpower

(1) criminal **mentality**, (2) self-improvement **mentality**

Her positive **mentality** helped her overcome challenges and achieve her goals.

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym : rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

condone

v. to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

synonym : excuse, overlook, tolerate

(1) **condone** the behavior, (2) **condone** the action

The parents refused to **condone** their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

apostasy

n. the act of abandoning or renouncing a religious or political belief, principle, or cause that one previously

professed or supported

synonym : defection, betrayal, renunciation

(1) religious **apostasy**, (2) political **apostasy**

The scholar's book explores the historical consequences of **apostasy** in various religions.

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym : misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym : decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

milieu

n. the social, cultural, or environmental setting in which a person lives or operates; surroundings or context

synonym : environment, surroundings, setting

(1) new urban **milieu**, (2) political **milieu**

The city's diverse cultural **milieu** contributes to its unique charm.

feasible

adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved

synonym : achievable, possible, attainable

(1) economically **feasible**, (2) **feasible** assumption

It is not **feasible** and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

revisionism

n. the reinterpretation or revision of an ideology, historical account, or doctrine, often to challenge or undermine established beliefs or ideas

synonym : historical negationism

(1) **revisionism** theory, (2) historical **revisionism**

Some historians accuse **revisionism** of altering the accepted historical record to fit a particular agenda.

reformist

adj. advocating or supporting a change or improvement in a particular system or practice, particularly in politics or social systems

synonym: progressive, reform-minded, improvement-seeking

(1) **reformist** agenda, (2) **reformist** policies

The university introduced a new **reformist** curriculum to attract more students.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

intellect

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

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

statesman

n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

synonym: solon, politician, legislator

(1) a woman **statesman**, (2) international **statesman**

This statue honors a distinguished **statesman**.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

parliament

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

synonym: congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**

He was a member of **parliament**.

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

citizenship

n. the status of being a member of a particular country

synonym: nationality, belonging, residency

(1) dual **citizenship**, (2) **citizenship** rights

Her **citizenship** application was denied due to a technical error.

problematic

adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

synonym: inappropriate, inconvenient, worrisome

(1) a **problematic** situation, (2) seems to be highly **problematic**

Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving **problematic** situations within a community.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

Ottoman

n. a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table

synonym: Turkish Empire, footstool

(1) **Ottoman** Empire, (2) **ottoman** furniture

The **Ottoman** Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

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.

accepting

adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

synonym: tolerant, open-minded, receptive

(1) **accepting** attitude, (2) **accepting** of diversity

He was an **accepting** person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym : fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

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.

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.

monarchy

n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

synonym : kingdom, realm, empire

(1) **monarchy** system, (2) abolish **monarchy**

The **monarchy** government had been in power for centuries.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

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.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

notably

adv. particularly; especially; in a way that is worthy of attention

synonym : particularly, especially, distinctly

(1) improve **notably**, (2) **notably** different

The study found that the treatment was **notably** effective in most cases.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym : chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

theologian

n. an expert or student who studies theology

synonym : clergyperson, philosopher, scholar

(1) Swedish **theologian**, (2) great **theologians**

Death gets more than its share of attention from **theologians**.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

ideology

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

synonym : credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

strident

adj. loud, harsh, and grating to the ears; presenting a forceful or insistent tone or manner

synonym : shrill, loud, piercing

(1) **strident** call for action, (2) **strident** criticism

Her **strident** voice made it difficult for anyone to ignore her.

utopian

adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

synonym : idealistic, perfectionistic, unrealistic

(1) **utopian** society, (2) **utopian** goal

He had a **utopian** vision of a world without war.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

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.

terrorism

n. the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act

(1) **terrorism** against civilians, (2) anti- **terrorism** bill

Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of **terrorism**.

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.

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym : radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

colon

n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

(1) **colon** examination, (2) the **colon** at the end of the sentence

Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of **colon** cancer.

colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym : settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

synonym : impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym : fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

defensive

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

synonym : protective, watchful, opposing

(1) assume the **defensive**, (2) **defensive** weapons

Boxing fans often criticize his **defensive** stance.

rigid

adj. extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

synonym : strict, inflexible, stringent

(1) **rigid** rules, (2) **rigid** structure

He was unpopular because of his **rigid** adherence to the rules.

reactionary

adj. relating to or advocating a return to a previous state of affairs or method of doing things, typically one that is seen as outdated or regressive

synonym : conservative, backward, regressive

(1) **reactionary** forces, (2) **reactionary** attitudes

The school's administration has a **reactionary** stance on student protests and free speech.

strain

n. a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups

synonym : pressure, tension, breed

(1) **strain** our eyes, (2) a **strain** of bacillus

Dictators of the past often had the erroneous idea of a pure racial **strain**.

socialism

n. a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the

welfare of the community as a whole

synonym : communism, collectivism, equality

(1) non-Marxist **socialism**, (2) the rise of **socialism**

The professor held a seminar on the principles of democratic **socialism** and its impact on modern European countries.

nationalist

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

synonym : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

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

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

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.

colonial

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

synonym : imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style

The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

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.

suppress

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

synonym: subdue, bury, stifle

(1) **suppress** a yawn, (2) **suppress** a revolt

The doctor prescribed medication to **suppress** the patient's appetite.

vicious

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice

synonym: malicious, spiteful, malevolent

(1) **vicious** attack, (2) **vicious** deflationary spiral

The **vicious** dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.

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**.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

hype

n. advertisements and media discussions informing the public about a product and how nice or vital it is

synonym : hoopla, ballyhoo, advertising

(1) media **hype**, (2) emotional **hype**

The audience was not duped by the media's **hype** around the event.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

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**.

autocratic

adj. having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking

synonym : domineering, omnipotent, authoritarian

(1) in an **autocratic** manner, (2) **autocratic** regimes

That emperor amended the law to allow him to continue his **autocratic** rule even after he abdicated.

compatible

adj. capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched

synonym : harmonious, congruent, consistent

(1) fully **compatible**, (2) **compatible** with HTML5

The new software is not **compatible** with the old operating system, causing compatibility issues and errors.

globalization

n. the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders

synonym : worldwide integration

(1) the rapid pace of **globalization**, (2) **globalization** trend

The spread of popular culture worldwide is an example of cultural **globalization**.

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.

rebirth

n. the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation

synonym : renewal, rejuvenation, resurrection

(1) undergo a **rebirth**, (2) **rebirth** of democracy

The phoenix is a symbol of **rebirth**, rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

euro

n. the official currency of most European Union countries

(1) the value of the **Euro**, (2) **Euro** crises

Some countries may leave the **Euro**.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym : exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

revolt

n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

synonym : rebellion, uprising, insurgence

(1) **revolt** against existing ways of thinking, (2) **revolt** against the dictator

The people tried to **revolt** to oust the tyrant.

bogey

n. a spectral or mythological being, often portrayed as a malevolent or mischievous spirit; an undesirable or unpleasant object or entity, often used in a children's game where the object is to avoid it; (of golf) a score of one over par for a given hole

synonym : specter, apparition

(1) **bogey** man, (2) double **bogey**

Her main academic **bogey** was mathematics, and she had difficulty understanding abstract concepts.

justify

v. to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid

synonym : validate, defend, support

(1) **justify** my beliefs, (2) **justify** your decision

The lawyer tried to **justify** his client's actions by presenting

evidence of their difficult upbringing.

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym : non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

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.

achievement

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

synonym : accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

promising

adj. having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement

synonym : hopeful, optimistic, encouraging

(1) **promising** idea, (2) **promising** start

Several top teams scouted **promising** young athletes.

era

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

synonym : epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance

Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

setback

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

synonym: obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

(1) major **setback**, (2) suffer a **setback**

The team experienced a **setback** when their star player was injured during the game.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym: conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

skeptic

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

synonym: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

liberalism

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

synonym: progressivism, open-mindedness, humanism

(1) classical **liberalism**, (2) economic **liberalism**

His political views are rooted in neo- **liberalism**.

Session 2: Spelling

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ANSWERS: 1. globalization, 2. representative, 3. colon, 4. readily, 5. modern, 6. setback, 7. autocratic, 8. problematic

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16. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
17. lay great em_____is on policy *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
18. false pr_____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
19. chart su_____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

ANSWERS: 9. suppose, 10. autocratic, 11. mundane, 12. extremist, 13. strict, 14. modern, 15. liberty, 16. extreme, 17. emphasis, 18. prophet, 19. subtitle

20. pi__s belief *adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
21. pr____st the current political tensions *v.* to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before
22. ad____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
23. su____ss a yawn *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
24. me____al times *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
25. re__t against existing ways of thinking *n.* to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
26. in____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
27. the id____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
28. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 20. pious, 21. preexist, 22. advance, 23. suppress, 24. medieval, 25. revolt, 26. influence, 27. ideology, 28. process

29. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
30. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
31. co_____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
32. religious ap_____sy *n.* the act of abandoning or renouncing a religious or political belief, principle, or cause that one previously professed or supported
33. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
34. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
35. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
36. new urban mi____u *n.* the social, cultural, or environmental setting in which a person lives or operates; surroundings or context
37. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
38. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

ANSWERS: 29. phenomenon, 30. trend, 31. colonize, 32. apostasy, 33. secondly, 34. individual, 35. representation, 36. milieu, 37. inspiration, 38. physically

39. assume the de_____ve *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
40. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
41. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
42. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
43. pr_____ng start *adj.* having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement
44. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
45. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
46. ci_____ar economy *adj.* shaped like a circle; having a round form
47. em_____is on color *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
48. Mu___m culture *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
49. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
50. rea_____ry forces *adj.* relating to or advocating a return to a previous state of affairs or method of doing things, typically one that is seen as outdated or regressive

ANSWERS: 39. defensive, 40. physically, 41. sentimental, 42. representative, 43. promising, 44. nation, 45. apparently, 46. circular, 47. emphasis, 48. Muslim, 49. observe, 50. reactionary

51. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
52. tr_____ng anecdotes *adj.* causing distress, anxiety, worry, or concern; disturbing; causing problems or difficulties
53. tr___c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
54. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
55. me_____al history *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
56. criminal me_____ty *n.* the characteristic way of thinking or mindset of an individual or group; the mental attitude or outlook that influences behavior, choices, and opinions
57. media h___e *n.* advertisements and media discussions informing the public about a product and how nice or vital it is
58. ju_____y your decision *v.* to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid
59. a li_____l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

ANSWERS: 51. similarly, 52. troubling, 53. tragic, 54. context, 55. medieval, 56. mentality, 57. hype, 58. justify, 59. liberal

60. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
61. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
62. awe-in_____ng sight *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
63. 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
64. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
65. mon_____tic faith *adj.* believing that there is only one God
66. aboriginal tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
67. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
68. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

ANSWERS: 60. honor, 61. confident, 62. inspiring, 63. democracy, 64. appreciate, 65. monotheistic, 66. tribe, 67. sect, 68. doubt

69. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
70. vi_____s attack *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
71. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
72. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
73. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
74. mi_____e a service *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
75. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
76. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
77. de_____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
78. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
79. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
80. co_____e the behavior *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

ANSWERS: 69. origin, 70. vicious, 71. confuse, 72. pray, 73. blur, 74. migrate, 75. similarly, 76. historic, 77. deprive, 78. trend, 79. separate, 80. condone

81. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
82. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
83. a con_____nal disease *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
84. em_____e his watercolors *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
85. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
86. 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
87. a lo__l friend *adj.* giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;
88. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
89. te_____ly similar *adv.* in a way that reveals or indicates something crucial or significant

ANSWERS: 81. mass, 82. elect, 83. constitutional, 84. emulate, 85. dictator, 86. overnight, 87. loyal, 88. statistics, 89. tellingly

90. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
91. se_____r trends *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
92. sh___e temple *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
93. Ot_____n Empire *n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table
94. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
95. historical re__c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
96. 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
97. Ar___c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 90. nationalist, 91. secular, 92. shrine, 93. Ottoman, 94. religion, 95. relic, 96. develop, 97. Arabic

98. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
99. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
100. pr_____e A.D. 200. *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
101. st_____nt criticism *adj.* loud, harsh, and grating to the ears; presenting a forceful or insistent tone or manner
102. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
103. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
104. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
105. ro___t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
106. a tyr_____al government *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
107. ot_____n furniture *n.* a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table

ANSWERS: 98. cult, 99. divide, 100. predate, 101. strident, 102. horrible, 103. separate, 104. accident, 105. rocket, 106. tyrannical, 107. Ottoman

108. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
109. pun_____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
110. political mi____u *n.* the social, cultural, or environmental setting in which a person lives or operates; surroundings or context
111. ri__d rules *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
112. foreign-language su____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
113. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
114. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
115. ta____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
116. classical lib_____sm *n.* a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

ANSWERS: 108. communal, 109. punishment, 110. milieu, 111. rigid, 112. subtitle, 113. achievement, 114. urban, 115. takeaway, 116. liberalism

117. woman's hi__b *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
118. dawn of a new e_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
119. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
120. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
121. im___e tariffs *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
122. a tyr_____al parent *adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
123. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
124. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
125. a woman st_____an *n.* a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
126. student ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

ANSWERS: 117. hijab, 118. era, 119. strength, 120. spiritual, 121. impose, 122. tyrannical, 123. develop, 124. mosque, 125. statesman, 126. achievement

127. me__a for surfers *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
128. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
129. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
130. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
131. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
132. 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
133. undergo a re_____h *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
134. self-imposed se_____on *n.* the state of being secluded or isolated from others; privacy or solitude; the act of keeping away from others or being kept away from them
135. 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

ANSWERS: 127. mecca, 128. perception, 129. disbeliever, 130. mass, 131. core, 132. reform, 133. rebirth, 134. seclusion, 135. economy

136. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
137. dual cit_____ip *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
138. co_____e the action *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
139. the national con_____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
140. swell like a tu____y *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
141. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
142. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
143. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
144. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

ANSWERS: 136. quitter, 137. citizenship, 138. condone, 139. constitution, 140. turkey, 141. geography, 142. uncover, 143. takeaway, 144. spiritual

145. co_____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
146. do_____wn traffic *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
147. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
148. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
149. mo_____hy system *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
150. su_____ss a revolt *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
151. suffer a se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
152. a seafaring na_____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
153. profit-ki_____g *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
154. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 145. colonize, 146. downtown, 147. religion, 148. operate, 149. monarchy, 150. suppress, 151. setback, 152. nation, 153. killing, 154. statistics

155. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
156. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
157. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
158. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
159. 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
160. re_____h of democracy *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
161. re_____st agenda *adj.* advocating or supporting a change or improvement in a particular system or practice, particularly in politics or social systems
162. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
163. hi__b garment *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
164. 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

ANSWERS: 155. interpretation, 156. aspect, 157. deprive, 158. sect, 159. tradition, 160. rebirth, 161. reformist, 162. Christ, 163. hijab, 164. republic

165. bo__y man *n.* a spectral or mythological being, often portrayed as a malevolent or mischievous spirit; an undesirable or unpleasant object or entity, often used in a children's game where the object is to avoid it; (of golf) a score of one over par for a given hole
166. an ingrained sk____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
167. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
168. 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
169. non-Marxist so_____sm *n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
170. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
171. pr_____e the modern age *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something

ANSWERS: 165. bogey, 166. skeptic, 167. Jewish, 168. constitutional, 169. socialism, 170. sentimental, 171. predate

172. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
173. cit_____ip rights *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
174. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
175. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
176. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
177. ma_____e obligation *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
178. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
179. solitary se_____on *n.* the state of being secluded or isolated from others; privacy or solitude; the act of keeping away from others or being kept away from them
180. glo_____ion trend *n.* the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders

ANSWERS: 172. confuse, 173. citizenship, 174. representation, 175. accord, 176. dictator, 177. mandate, 178. movement, 179. seclusion, 180. globalization

181. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
182. ut_____n society *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
183. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
184. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
185. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
186. ju_____y my beliefs *v.* to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid
187. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
188. a st___n of bacillus *n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups
189. abolish mo_____hy *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

ANSWERS: 181. decision, 182. utopian, 183. divide, 184. accord, 185. intellect, 186. justify, 187. extreme, 188. strain, 189. monarchy

190. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
191. 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
192. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
193. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
194. religious sh____e *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
195. di____e intervention *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
196. de____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
197. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
198. emotional h____e *n.* advertisements and media discussions informing the public about a product and how nice or vital it is
199. pr_____st the modern city *v.* to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before
200. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 190. ultimate, 191. overnight, 192. conservative, 193. uncover, 194. shrine, 195. divine, 196. define, 197. perspective, 198. hype, 199. preexist, 200. responsible

201. severe cr___c	<i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
202. the e_a of the Renaissance	<i>n.</i> a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
203. op_____e 24 hours a day	<i>v.</i> to work in a particular way; to supervise something
204. th__e park	<i>n.</i> a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
205. a prodigious vi___n	<i>n.</i> the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
206. disband par_____nt	<i>n.</i> a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
207. per_____on of a stimulus	<i>n.</i> a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
208. te_____ly accurate	<i>adv.</i> in a way that reveals or indicates something crucial or significant
209. humiliating pun_____nt	<i>n.</i> a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
210. nontechnical as___ts of the job	<i>n.</i> one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
211. rea_____ry attitudes	<i>adj.</i> relating to or advocating a return to a previous state of affairs or method of doing things, typically one that is seen as outdated or regressive

ANSWERS: 201. critic, 202. era, 203. operate, 204. theme, 205. vision, 206. parliament, 207. perception, 208. tellingly, 209. punishment, 210. aspect, 211. reactionary

212. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
213. the rise of so_____sm *n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
214. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
215. rev_____sm theory *n.* the reinterpretation or revision of an ideology, historical account, or doctrine, often to challenge or undermine established beliefs or ideas
216. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
217. or____n a deacon *v.* to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service
218. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
219. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 212. intellect, 213. socialism, 214. geography, 215. revisionism, 216. discuss, 217. ordain, 218. accident, 219. process

220. climate sk____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
221. com_____le with HTML5 *adj.* capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched
222. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
223. central th__e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
224. political com_____ism *n.* a social and political philosophy that emphasizes the importance of community, cooperation, and shared values over individual interests
225. cir_____se a child *v.* to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
226. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
227. st__t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
228. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
229. E__o crises *n.* the official currency of most European Union countries

ANSWERS: 220. skeptic, 221. compatible, 222. react, 223. theme, 224. communitarianism, 225. circumcise, 226. doubt, 227. strict, 228. vision, 229. euro

230. de___e a conclusion *v.* to obtain or receive something from a source
231. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
232. a puppet re___e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
233. tourist me__a *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
234. economic lib_____sm *n.* a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
235. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
236. mu_____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
237. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
238. Ar___c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

ANSWERS: 230. derive, 231. stud, 232. regime, 233. mecca, 234. liberalism, 235. conclude, 236. mundane, 237. obvious, 238. Arabic

239. ri__d structure	<i>adj.</i> extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
240. civic com_____ism	<i>n.</i> a social and political philosophy that emphasizes the importance of community, cooperation, and shared values over individual interests
241. opp_____on campaign	<i>n.</i> the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
242. event of a hung par_____nt	<i>n.</i> a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
243. su_____e beforehand	<i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
244. ho__r our ancestors	<i>n.</i> high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
245. re___t against the dictator	<i>n.</i> to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler
246. the value of the E__o	<i>n.</i> the official currency of most European Union countries
247. co_____al swimming pool	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
248. anti-te_____sm bill	<i>n.</i> the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
249. a circular mo_____nt	<i>n.</i> a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 239. rigid, 240. communitarianism, 241. opposition, 242. parliament, 243. suppose, 244. honor, 245. revolt, 246. euro, 247. communal, 248. terrorism, 249. movement

250. wo____p god *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
251. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
252. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
253. traditional an____m *n.* the belief that objects, places, and creatures possess a spiritual essence or soul; a belief system that emphasizes the interconnectedness of all living things and the natural world
254. em____e a successful business model *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
255. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
256. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
257. 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
258. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

ANSWERS: 250. worship, 251. elect, 252. quest, 253. animism, 254. emulate, 255. faith, 256. Jewish, 257. republic, 258. holy

259. enter on the last ph__e *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
260. 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
261. ut____n goal *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
262. a private ind____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
263. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
264. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
265. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
266. im___e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
267. holy re__cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

ANSWERS: 259. phase, 260. economy, 261. utopian, 262. individual, 263. stud, 264. mess, 265. emerge, 266. impose, 267. relic

268. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions
v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
269. de_____ve weapons
adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
270. radical ex_____st
n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
271. 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
272. international st_____an
n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs
273. nat_____st revolt
adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
274. a tr_____ng trend
adj. causing distress, anxiety, worry, or concern; disturbing; causing problems or difficulties
275. great the_____ans
n. an expert or student who studies theology
276. a h__y shrine
adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
277. de_____e a job offer
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

ANSWERS: 268. admire, 269. defensive, 270. extremist, 271. democracy, 272. statesman, 273. nationalist, 274. troubling, 275. theologian, 276. holy, 277. decline

278. under li____l conditions *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
279. mi___e with colleagues *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
280. get into a m___s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
281. morning ri____l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
282. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
283. improve no____y *adv.* particularly; especially; in a way that is worthy of attention
284. noted sc____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
285. se____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
286. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
287. pr____ng idea *adj.* having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement
288. become a lo__l customer *adj.* giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;

ANSWERS: 278. liberal, 279. mingle, 280. mess, 281. ritual, 282. historic, 283. notably, 284. scholar, 285. secondly, 286. pray, 287. promising, 288. loyal

289. a per_____ve view	<i>n.</i>	a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
290. serial qu_____r	<i>n.</i>	a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
291. absolutely wo_____p	<i>v.</i>	to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
292. meet with opp_____on	<i>n.</i>	the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
293. v__l of mystery	<i>n.</i>	a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
294. re___t temptation	<i>v.</i>	to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
295. source of ins_____on	<i>n.</i>	something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
296. on a qu__t for happiness	<i>n.</i>	a long or challenging search for something
297. in_____et a graph	<i>v.</i>	to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
298. forgive a s_n	<i>n.</i>	the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
299. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund	<i>v.</i>	to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 289. perspective, 290. quitter, 291. worship, 292. opposition, 293. veil, 294. resist, 295. inspiration, 296. quest, 297. interpret, 298. sin, 299. contribute

300. political ap____sy *n.* the act of abandoning or renouncing a religious or political belief, principle, or cause that one previously professed or supported
301. exercise re____e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
302. tr____c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
303. double bo__y *n.* a spectral or mythological being, often portrayed as a malevolent or mischievous spirit; an undesirable or unpleasant object or entity, often used in a children's game where the object is to avoid it; (of golf) a score of one over par for a given hole
304. fully com_____le *adj.* capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched
305. personal li_____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
306. st_____nt call for action *adj.* loud, harsh, and grating to the ears; presenting a forceful or insistent tone or manner
307. mountain tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

ANSWERS: 300. apostasy, 301. regime, 302. tragic, 303. bogey, 304. compatible, 305. liberty, 306. strident, 307. tribe

308. s_n of omission *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
309. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
310. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
311. Swedish the_____an *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
312. do_____wn building *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
313. predominantly Mu___m country *n.* a follower of the religion of Islam
314. two-ph__e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
315. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
316. the co__n at the end of the sentence *n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
317. co_____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
318. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
319. de___e knowledge from books *v.* to obtain or receive something from a source

ANSWERS: 308. sin, 309. apparently, 310. admire, 311. theologian, 312. downtown, 313. Muslim, 314. phase, 315. urban, 316. colon, 317. confirm, 318. independence, 319. derive

320. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
321. re_____nt problem *adj.* occurring again, repeatedly, or frequently; returning
322. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
323. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
324. non-ci_____ar orbit *adj.* shaped like a circle; having a round form
325. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
326. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
327. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
328. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
329. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
330. an Imperial ma_____e *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

ANSWERS: 320. regard, 321. recurrent, 322. interpretation, 323. veil, 324. circular, 325. ironic, 326. faith, 327. emerge, 328. responsible, 329. decline, 330. mandate

331. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
332. stubborn dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
333. economically fe_____le *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
334. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
335. a member of a mon_____tic sect *adj.* believing that there is only one God
336. pi__s follower *adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
337. By_____ne art *adj.* characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
338. mi_____e across borders *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
339. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
340. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
341. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

ANSWERS: 331. phenomenon, 332. disbeliever, 333. feasible, 334. contribute, 335. monotheistic, 336. pious, 337. byzantine, 338. migrate, 339. interpret, 340. influence, 341. horrible

342. in_____ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
343. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
344. 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
345. vi_____s deflationary spiral *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
346. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
347. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
348. no_____y different *adv.* particularly; especially; in a way that is worthy of attention
349. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
350. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
351. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
352. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something

ANSWERS: 342. inspiring, 343. cycle, 344. tradition, 345. vicious, 346. cling, 347. resist, 348. notably, 349. empire, 350. dominant, 351. ritual, 352. react

353. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
354. fe_____le assumption *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
355. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
356. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
357. political id_____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
358. By_____ne rites *adj.* characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
359. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
360. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
361. re_____y accessible *adv.* easily or willingly; without hesitation or difficulty; quickly or promptly
362. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 353. core, 354. feasible, 355. blur, 356. conclude, 357. ideology, 358. byzantine, 359. conservative, 360. authoritarian, 361. readily, 362. decision

363. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
364. mi___e with the locals *v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner
365. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
366. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
367. sc_____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
368. co_____al style *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
369. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
370. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
371. ag__t system *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

ANSWERS: 363. authoritarian, 364. mingle, 365. cling, 366. confident, 367. scholar, 368. colonial, 369. appreciate, 370. define, 371. agent

372. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
373. ob____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
374. re____d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
375. ind____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
376. co____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
377. cir____se a newborn *v.* to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual
378. an____m practices *n.* the belief that objects, places, and creatures possess a spiritual essence or soul; a belief system that emphasizes the interconnectedness of all living things and the natural world
379. ro____t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
380. an ir____c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 372. strength, 373. observe, 374. regard, 375. independence, 376. confirm, 377. circumcise, 378. animism, 379. rocket, 380. ironic

381. 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
382. words of the pr____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
383. 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
384. su_____be to the service *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
385. di___e grace *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
386. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
387. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
388. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
389. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
390. or___n a minister *v.* to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service

ANSWERS: 381. adopt, 382. prophet, 383. reform, 384. subscribe, 385. divine, 386. cycle, 387. advance, 388. ultimate, 389. cult, 390. ordain

391. self-improvement me_____ty *n.* the characteristic way of thinking or mindset of an individual or group; the mental attitude or outlook that influences behavior, choices, and opinions
392. ac_____ng of diversity *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
393. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
394. normal se_____r life *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
395. antidiarrheal ag__t *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
396. a pro_____ic situation *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
397. ac_____ng attitude *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
398. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
399. re_____st policies *adj.* advocating or supporting a change or improvement in a particular system or practice, particularly in politics or social systems

ANSWERS: 391. mentality, 392. accepting, 393. dominant, 394. secular, 395. agent, 396. problematic, 397. accepting, 398. empire, 399. reformist

400. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
401. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
402. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
403. st____n our eyes *n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups
404. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
405. su_____be a petition *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
406. te_____sm against civilians *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
407. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
408. oppressive co_____al rule *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

ANSWERS: 400. context, 401. discuss, 402. obvious, 403. strain, 404. origin, 405. subscribe, 406. terrorism, 407. critic, 408. colonial

409. tu___y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
410. ki_____g spree *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
411. 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
412. the sacred mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
413. historical rev_____sm *n.* the reinterpretation or revision of an ideology, historical account, or doctrine, often to challenge or undermine established beliefs or ideas
414. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
415. re_____nt miscarriage *adj.* occurring again, repeatedly, or frequently; returning

ANSWERS: 409. turkey, 410. killing, 411. adopt, 412. mosque, 413. revisionism, 414. Christ, 415. recurrent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
 - n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

2. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.
 - v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something

3. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
 - v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

4. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.
 - v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

5. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
 - v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

6. 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

7. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
 - adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. context, 2. operate, 3. contribute, 4. admire, 5. advance, 6. reform, 7. secondly,

8. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.
- v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
9. They intend to _____ the footsteps of successful software companies.
- v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
10. 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
11. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
- adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
12. The FBI _____ went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.
- n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
13. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.
- n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
14. The _____ woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.
- adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 8. colonized, 9. emulate, 10. overnight, 11. strict, 12. agent, 13. ritual, 14. pious

15. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.
- n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
16. The media _____ had special passes.
- n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
17. The user manual can _____ find the information you're looking for.
- adv.* easily or willingly; without hesitation or difficulty; quickly or promptly
18. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
19. Make sure to turn on _____ so you can understand the foreign film.
- n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
20. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.
- n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
21. The belief that objects have spirits is a central tenet of _____.
- n.* the belief that objects, places, and creatures possess a spiritual essence or soul; a belief system that emphasizes the interconnectedness of all living things and the natural world

ANSWERS: 15. rocket, 16. representatives, 17. readily, 18. vision, 19. subtitles, 20. liberty, 21. animism

22. 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

23. 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

24. His political views are rooted in neo-_____.

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

25. Enemy armies are _____ to their monarch.

adj. giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;

26. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

27. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

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

28. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 22. constitutional, 23. economy, 24. liberalism, 25. loyal, 26. inspiration, 27. religion, 28. responsible

29. The _____ government had been in power for centuries.
- n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
30. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.
- n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
31. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.
- n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
32. _____ Hollywood film moguls can easily rule the movie star's career.
- adj.* using power or authority over people, especially in a specific country, group, etc., in an unfair and cruel way
33. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar _____.
- n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
34. The professor held a seminar on the principles of democratic _____ and its impact on modern European countries.
- n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
35. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
- v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
36. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 29. monarchy, 30. disbeliever, 31. sins, 32. Tyrannical, 33. era, 34. socialism, 35. declines, 36. intellect

37. The school's administration has a _____ stance on student protests and free speech.

adj. relating to or advocating a return to a previous state of affairs or method of doing things, typically one that is seen as outdated or regressive

38. It is common in some cultures to _____ infant boys as a rite of passage.

v. to remove the foreskin of a male's penis, often as a religious or cultural ritual

39. He was a member of _____.

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

40. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

41. Her choice of words in the email was _____ direct.

adv. in a way that reveals or indicates something crucial or significant

42. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

43. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

44. The spotlight gave the central figure increased _____.

n. particular importance or significance that is given to something

ANSWERS: 37. reactionary, 38. circumcise, 39. parliament, 40. skeptic, 41. tellingly, 42. nation, 43. phase, 44. emphasis

45. 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
46. In this tribe, people believed the _____ would save them from many calamities.
- n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
47. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.
- adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
48. The food chain causes a material _____.
- n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
49. Only the _____ tower remained standing.
- adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
50. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
51. The _____ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.
- n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
52. Her company soon won a _____ market share.
- adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

ANSWERS: 45. tradition, 46. prophet, 47. tragic, 48. cycle, 49. medieval, 50. emerged, 51. extremist, 52. dominant

53. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
54. The study found that the treatment was _____ effective in most cases.
adv. particularly; especially; in a way that is worthy of attention
55. Her positive _____ helped her overcome challenges and achieve her goals.
n. the characteristic way of thinking or mindset of an individual or group; the mental attitude or outlook that influences behavior, choices, and opinions
56. The town's governance model is rooted in _____ principles, focusing on collective welfare over individual interests.
n. a social and political philosophy that emphasizes the importance of community, cooperation, and shared values over individual interests
57. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
58. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
59. The university introduced a new _____ curriculum to attract more students.
adj. advocating or supporting a change or improvement in a particular system or practice, particularly in politics or social systems
60. A rainbow is a natural _____.
n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 53. sect, 54. notably, 55. mentality, 56. communitarianism, 57. empire, 58. Communal, 59. reformist, 60. phenomenon

61. Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of _____ cancer.
n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
62. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
63. The _____ community in the city is small but growing.
n. a follower of the religion of Islam
64. The _____ given to the new government is to improve the economy.
n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
65. The doctor prescribed medication to _____ the patient's appetite.
v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
66. How did he _____ to your idea?
v. to take action in response to something
67. Her _____ voice made it difficult for anyone to ignore her.
adj. loud, harsh, and grating to the ears; presenting a forceful or insistent tone or manner
68. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.
adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
69. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 61. colon, 62. urban, 63. Muslim, 64. mandate, 65. suppress, 66. react, 67. strident, 68. inspiring, 69. ironic

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

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

71. It is not _____ and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved

72. 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

73. His _____ of literary works are often unique.

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

74. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

75. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

76. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

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

77. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

ANSWERS: 70. statistics, 71. feasible, 72. influence, 73. interpretations, 74. mass, 75. conservative, 76. perspective, 77. ideology

78. The bishop will _____ new priests next week during the religious ceremony.
v. to officially declare or establish something with authority or divine power; to confer holy orders upon someone for religious service
79. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
80. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
81. The _____ of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.
n. the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
82. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
83. Some historians accuse _____ of altering the accepted historical record to fit a particular agenda.
n. the reinterpretation or revision of an ideology, historical account, or doctrine, often to challenge or undermine established beliefs or ideas
84. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

ANSWERS: 78. ordain, 79. sentimental, 80. movement, 81. killing, 82. dictator, 83. revisionism, 84. ultimate

85. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

- n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

86. The audience was not duped by the media's _____ around the event.

- n.* advertisements and media discussions informing the public about a product and how nice or vital it is

87. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

- n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

88. The phoenix is a symbol of _____ rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.

- n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation

89. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

90. Please write to _____ your reservation.

- v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

91. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

92. She did well on her _____ exam.

- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

ANSWERS: 85. faith, 86. hype, 87. aspects, 88. rebirth, 89. mess, 90. confirm, 91. opposition, 92. geography

93. Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving _____ situations within a community.

adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

94. They traditionally _____ their guru.

v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

95. He was an _____ person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

96. The city's diverse cultural _____ contributes to its unique charm.

n. the social, cultural, or environmental setting in which a person lives or operates; surroundings or context

97. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

98. The _____ Sultan was considered the supreme ruler and held great authority.

n. a historical empire founded at the end of the 13th century in northwestern Anatolia by the Turkoman tribal leader Osman I; (used as "ottoman") a type of upholstered seat or bench without a back or arms, typically used as a stool or footstool, or in some cases as a coffee table

99. The parents refused to _____ their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.

v. to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

100. We would _____ an early reply.

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 93. problematic, 94. worship, 95. accepting, 96. milieu, 97. regarded, 98. Ottoman, 99. condone, 100. appreciate

101. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

102. Many Germans _____ to South America in the mid-19th century.

v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

103. The people tried to _____ to oust the tyrant.

n. to take violent action against authority, especially government or ruler

104. The scholar's book explores the historical consequences of _____ in various religions.

n. the act of abandoning or renouncing a religious or political belief, principle, or cause that one previously professed or supported

105. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

106. These English words are _____ from Latin.

v. to obtain or receive something from a source

107. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

108. He lifted her _____ with both hands.

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

109. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 101. extreme, 102. migrated, 103. revolt, 104. apostasy, 105. confused, 106. derived, 107. resist, 108. veil, 109. cult

110. 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
111. The city has a rich _____ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.
- adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
112. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
113. 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
114. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
115. The idea for the novel _____ as fragments of a dream in the author's mind.
- v.* to exist or occur before something else, especially referring to a time period or event; to predate or come before
116. Several top teams scouted _____ young athletes.
- adj.* having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement

ANSWERS: 110. republic, 111. colonial, 112. prayed, 113. develop, 114. define, 115. preexisted, 116. promising

117. The patient has been experiencing _____ headaches for weeks.
adj. occurring again, repeatedly, or frequently; returning
118. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.
adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city
119. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.
adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
120. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
121. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
122. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
123. The building has become a _____ for fans of the movie.
n. a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
124. This bronze sword is a _____ of ancient times.
n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
125. The lawyer tried to _____ his client's actions by presenting evidence of their difficult upbringing.
v. to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid

ANSWERS: 117. recurrent, 118. downtown, 119. holy, 120. nationalist, 121. discuss, 122. individual, 123. mecca, 124. relic, 125. justify

126. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.
adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
127. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
128. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
129. _____ religions have historically developed in denial of polytheistic religions.
adj. believing that there is only one God
130. Her _____ application was denied due to a technical error.
n. the status of being a member of a particular country
131. The view from the mountaintop was truly _____.
adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
132. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
n. the most essential or fundamental part of something
133. Different people might _____ this news differently.
v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
134. That emperor amended the law to allow him to continue his _____ rule even after he abdicated.
adj. having absolute power and forcing people to obey completely without asking

ANSWERS: 126. secular, 127. accident, 128. accord, 129. Monotheistic, 130. citizenship, 131. divine, 132. cores, 133. interpret, 134. autocratic

135. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

136. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.

- n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

137. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

- n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

138. The main _____ from the meeting was the need for better communication.

- n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

139. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

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

140. I decided to _____ with the crowd and converse with some new people.

- v.* to mix or blend in, especially socially; to associate with others in a friendly, informal manner

141. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.

- v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

ANSWERS: 135. quitter, 136. tribe, 137. constitution, 138. takeaway, 139. Doubt, 140. mingle, 141. impose

142. The _____ dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.
adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
143. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
144. Many Muslim women wear a _____ as a symbol of their religious beliefs.
n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
145. The team experienced a _____ when their star player was injured during the game.
n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
146. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.
n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
147. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.
adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
148. Boxing fans often criticize his _____ stance.
adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
149. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.
adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

ANSWERS: 142. vicious, 143. decision, 144. hijab, 145. setback, 146. perception, 147. mundane, 148. defensive, 149. horrible

150. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

151. The writer sought _____ in a remote cabin to focus on completing his novel.

n. the state of being secluded or isolated from others; privacy or solitude; the act of keeping away from others or being kept away from them

152. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

153. 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

154. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

155. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

156. The oil price continued their downward _____.

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

157. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

158. He had a _____ vision of a world without war.

adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

ANSWERS: 150. clings, 151. seclusion, 152. Jewish, 153. elected, 154. independence, 155. modern, 156. trend, 157. scholar, 158. utopian

159. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

v. to take away something from someone

160. I claim on my _____ that it is true.

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

161. I want to _____ to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

v. to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

162. The _____ shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.

adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form

163. The news of the pandemic's spread is _____ and concerning.

adj. causing distress, anxiety, worry, or concern; disturbing; causing problems or difficulties

164. The _____ of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

165. This statue honors a distinguished _____.

n. a man who is a respected leader or politician in national or international affairs

166. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

ANSWERS: 159. deprived, 160. honor, 161. subscribe, 162. circular, 163. troubling, 164. theme, 165. statesman, 166. uncovered

167. We _____ a cease-fire.

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

168. Death gets more than its share of attention from _____.

n. an expert or student who studies theology

169. Totalitarian _____ are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

170. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

171. 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

172. The holy _____ to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

173. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

174. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

175. This _____ has never been formally accepted.

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

ANSWERS: 167. concluded, 168. theologians, 169. regimes, 170. quest, 171. adopted, 172. shrine, 173. origin, 174. suppose, 175. achievement

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

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

177. He was unpopular because of his _____ adherence to the rules.

adj. extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

178. Some countries may leave the _____.

n. the official currency of most European Union countries

179. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

180. The idea of virtual worlds _____ computers.

v. to have existed or happened earlier than something

181. I'm not _____ in our victory.

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

182. Her main academic _____ was mathematics, and she had difficulty understanding abstract concepts.

n. a spectral or mythological being, often portrayed as a malevolent or mischievous spirit; an undesirable or unpleasant object or entity, often used in a children's game where the object is to avoid it; (of golf) a score of one over par for a given hole

183. The new software is not _____ with the old operating system, causing compatibility issues and errors.

adj. capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched

ANSWERS: 176. Mosque, 177. rigid, 178. Euro, 179. strength, 180. predates, 181. confident, 182. bogey, 183. compatible

184. The _____ Empire was known for its complex political system and culture.
adj. characterized by a complex and often convoluted administrative system or set of rules; intricate and hard to understand
185. The spread of popular culture worldwide is an example of cultural _____.
n. the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders
186. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
187. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
188. They prepared a stuffed _____ for Thanksgiving.
n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
189. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
190. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
adv. based on what you have heard or read
191. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.
n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

ANSWERS: 184. Byzantine, 185. globalization, 186. critics, 187. obvious, 188. turkey, 189. process, 190. apparently, 191. representation

192. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

- v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

193. He is _____ in his thoughts.

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

194. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

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

195. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

- n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

196. _____ 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

197. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.

- n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

198. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 192. observe, 193. liberal, 194. Christmas, 195. punishment, 196. Democracy, 197. stud, 198. historic

199. Dictators of the past often had the erroneous idea of a pure racial _____.
- n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups
200. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
- adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
201. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
- n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
202. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.
- n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
203. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
- adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
204. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
205. Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of _____.
- n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
206. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

ANSWERS: 199. strain, 200. authoritarian, 201. blur, 202. Arabic, 203. physically, 204. divide, 205. terrorism, 206. spiritual

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

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

208. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.

adv. in almost the same way

ANSWERS: 207. separate, 208. similarly