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Session 1: Word List

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

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.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym : completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

fast-forward

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

synonym: advance, hasten, speed up

(1) **fast-forward** 10 seconds, (2) **fast-forward** to the good part

I like to **fast-forward** through commercials when watching TV shows.

generation

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

synonym: cohort, age group, era

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

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

oak

n. a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns

(1) the wine in giant **oak** vats, (2) old **oak** trees

Large **oak** trees cast a shadow in the garden.

grove

n. a small group of trees growing closely together

synonym: copse, thicket, underbrush

(1) a bamboo **grove**, (2) citrus **grove**

They walked through the **grove** of trees and admired the natural beauty.

portable

adj. easily moved or carried; able to be transported from one location to another

synonym: movable, transportable, convenient

(1) **portable** charger, (2) **portable** gas stove

The **portable** generator was essential during the camping trip.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

encyclopedia

n. a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

synonym: dictionary, compendium, almanac

(1) **encyclopedia** entry, (2) online **encyclopedia**

Many bookshops no longer carry printed **encyclopedias**, but some libraries still hold onto their collections.

extraordinary

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

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

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

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

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

advent

n. the arrival or beginning of something; the coming of Jesus Christ at his birth

synonym : coming, arrival, approach

(1) **advent** calendar, (2) celebrate the **advent** of spring

The **advent** of the internet has dramatically changed the way we communicate.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym : instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

gung-ho

adj. extremely enthusiastic and eager, often to the point of being reckless or overenthusiastic; marked by an unwavering commitment to a cause or mission

synonym: enthusiastic, eager, zealous

(1) **gung-ho** attitude, (2) **gung-ho** spirit

The team was **gung-ho** about starting the new project and worked tirelessly to get it off the ground.

enthusiastic

adj. having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something

synonym: ardent, fervent, crazy

(1) **enthusiastic** football fan, (2) **enthusiastic** audience

She was **enthusiastic** about starting her new job.

tactic

n. a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

synonym: strategy, approach, method

(1) an imprudent **tactic**, (2) alternative **tactic**

The coach implemented a new **tactic** to win the game.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym: genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

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**.

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.

flier

n. (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something

synonym : aeronaut, pamphlet, handbill

(1) seasoned **flier**, (2) promotional **flier**

As a frequent **flier**, I accumulate a lot of miles that I use for vacation trips.

schedule

n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

synonym : agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

secretary

n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

synonym : assistant, clerk, administrator

(1) a confidential **secretary**, (2) **secretary** general

The chief **secretary** was responsible for organizing the meeting.

candidate

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

synonym : applicant, nominee, contender

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

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

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym : healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

cute

adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

synonym : attractive, charming, adorable

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

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

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym : fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym : subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

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.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym :

exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

eclectic

adj. deriving ideas, styles, or features from a diverse range of sources; representing a broad or diverse range of ideas or interests

synonym: diverse, assorted, varied

(1) **eclectic** style, (2) **eclectic** approach

Her **eclectic** taste in music ranges from classical to hip-hop.

gentle

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

synonym: mild, delicate, soft

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

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

expense

n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something

synonym: cost, expenditure, outlay

(1) enormous **expenses**, (2) **expense** account

For this project to be successful, we must control **expenses** strictly.

genocide

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

synonym: mass murder, extermination, annihilation

(1) **genocide** victims, (2) **genocide** resolution

The international community condemned the **genocide** in the country.

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.

singular

n. being only one of its kind; unique

synonym: unique, sole, individual

(1) **singular** purpose, (2) **singular** goal

The **singular** beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

revelation

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

synonym: disclosure, telling, annunciation

(1) a divine **revelation**, (2) the **revelation** of a secret

The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym: task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

leadership

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

synonym: captaincy, direction, initiative

(1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians

The country's **leadership** has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

academy

n. a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

synonym: school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy**

Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

primarily

adv. mainly

synonym: largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

valid

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

synonym: proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

paradigm

n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

synonym: example, standard, epitome

(1) major **paradigm** shift, (2) cultural **paradigm**

He postulated a completely different **paradigm** to explain all these phenomena.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

surplus

n. an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply

synonym : excess, surplusage, remainder

(1) budget **surplus**, (2) **surplus** of exports

The food **surplus** at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.

laptop

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**

I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.

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.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

infatuate

v. to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something

synonym : beguile, captivate, charm

(1) **infatuate** the audience, (2) make me **infatuated**

He has been **infatuated** with her since he met her.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system,

institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

bubble

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

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

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

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

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

graphics

n. images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.

synonym : drawings, illustrations, pictures

(1) computer **graphics**, (2) **graphics** engine

My dream is to become a great **graphics** designer like her.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

spill

v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

synonym : slop, drop, scatter

(1) **spill** a bit of wine, (2) **spill** my heart

He was determined to **spill** everything.

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.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym : element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym : artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym : catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid

those affected by the earthquake.

criteria

n. (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided

synonym: bars, benchmarks, standards

(1) **criteria** for action, (2) consistency **criteria**

He didn't meet all the **criteria**, but he was hired anyway.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym: tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym : sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me
She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym : coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results
You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym : education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

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.

inquire

v. to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding

synonym : ask, question, query

(1) **inquire** at reception, (2) **inquire** into the matter

I need to **inquire** about the details of the job interview.

- poll**
- n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
- synonym* : survey, ballot, voting
- (1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**
- Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.
- empower**
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
- synonym* : authorize, endow, entitle
- (1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same
- The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- embrace**
- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
- synonym* : grasp, hold tightly, accept
- (1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**
- The woods **embrace** the house.
- standardize**
- v.* to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
- synonym* : uniform, systemize, homogenize
- (1) **standardize** a language, (2) **standardize** administrative practices
- The company **standardized** its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------|--|
| 1. a serious to__c | <i>n.</i> a subject that is being discussed or written about |
| 2. major pa_____gm shift | <i>n.</i> a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model |
| 3. global di_____er | <i>n.</i> an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life |
| 4. pa__e trend | <i>adj.</i> no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date |
| 5. in_____te the audience | <i>v.</i> to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something |
| 6. economic bu___e | <i>n.</i> a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses |
| 7. gu_____o spirit | <i>adj.</i> extremely enthusiastic and eager, often to the point of being reckless or overenthusiastic; marked by an unwavering commitment to a cause or mission |
| 8. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 9. a peaceful la_____pe | <i>n.</i> an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance |

ANSWERS: 1. topic, 2. paradigm, 3. disaster, 4. passe, 5. infatuate, 6. bubble, 7. gung-ho, 8. opportune, 9. landscape

10. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
11. arrange my sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
12. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
13. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
14. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
15. ge_____de resolution *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
16. vi____l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
17. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
18. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
19. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
20. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 10. disaster, 11. schedule, 12. extraordinary, 13. environment, 14. landscape, 15. genocide, 16. visual, 17. communal, 18. generation, 19. awesome, 20. communicate

21. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
22. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
23. a bamboo gr__e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
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25. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
26. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
27. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
28. promotional fl__r *n.* (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something
29. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
30. a ticket va__d for two days *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

ANSWERS: 21. geography, 22. elect, 23. grove, 24. singular, 25. decide, 26. embrace, 27. acquire, 28. flier, 29. partnership, 30. valid

31. hum_____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
32. 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
33. sp__l a bit of wine *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
34. old o_k trees *n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns
35. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
36. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
37. se_____ry general *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
38. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
39. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

ANSWERS: 31. human-made, 32. stud, 33. spill, 34. oak, 35. primarily, 36. invite, 37. secretary, 38. investigate, 39. educational

40. ac_____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
41. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
42. in_____e into the matter *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
43. fuel sc_____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
44. 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
45. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
46. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
47. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
48. a confidential se_____ry *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

ANSWERS: 40. acquire, 41. responsible, 42. inquire, 43. scarcity, 44. process, 45. instruction, 46. interact, 47. opportune, 48. secretary

49. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
50. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
51. ge_____de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
52. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
53. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
54. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
55. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
56. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
57. students at all gr___e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
58. su_____s of exports *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
59. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
60. cultural pa_____gm *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

ANSWERS: 49. appropriate, 50. decide, 51. genocide, 52. consistent, 53. transport, 54. communal, 55. authentic, 56. uncomfortable, 57. grade, 58. surplus, 59. government, 60. paradigm

61. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
62. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
63. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
64. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
65. make me in_____ted *v.* to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something
66. po_____le charger *adj.* easily moved or carried; able to be transported from one location to another
67. alternative ta___c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
68. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
69. ec_____ic style *adj.* deriving ideas, styles, or features from a diverse range of sources; representing a broad or diverse range of ideas or interests
70. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
71. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
72. fas_____ard 10 seconds *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

ANSWERS: 61. quest, 62. visual, 63. posit, 64. pose, 65. infatuate, 66. portable, 67. tactic, 68. graduated, 69. eclectic, 70. rural, 71. candidate, 72. fast-forward

73. celebrate the ad___t of spring *n.* the arrival or beginning of something; the coming of Jesus Christ at his birth
74. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
75. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
76. public opinion p___ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
77. p___e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
78. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
79. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
80. gr_____cs engine *n.* images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.
81. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
82. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
83. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
84. intended pr_____ly for young people *adv.* mainly

ANSWERS: 73. advent, 74. artifact, 75. identify, 76. poll, 77. pose, 78. conversation, 79. quest, 80. graphics, 81. environment, 82. grade, 83. topic, 84. primarily

85. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
86. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
87. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
88. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
89. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
90. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
91. super c__e dress *adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
92. ent_____tic football fan *adj.* having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something
93. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
94. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
95. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
96. online enc_____dia *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

ANSWERS: 85. exciting, 86. awesome, 87. immediately, 88. graduated, 89. geography, 90. communicate, 91. cute, 92. enthusiastic, 93. disappoint, 94. responsible, 95. passe, 96. encyclopedia

97. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
98. in_____e at reception *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
99. ad____t calendar *n.* the arrival or beginning of something; the coming of Jesus Christ at his birth
100. enc_____dia entry *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
101. under his lea_____ip *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
102. an ac_____y of music *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
103. enormous ex_____es *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
104. bring my la____p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
105. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
106. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 97. component, 98. inquire, 99. advent, 100. encyclopedia, 101. leadership, 102. academy, 103. expense, 104. laptop, 105. absolute, 106. conversation

107. 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
108. fas_____ard to the good part *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
109. po_____le gas stove *adj.* easily moved or carried; able to be transported from one location to another
110. thin-and-light la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
111. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
112. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
113. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
114. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
115. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
116. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
117. citrus gr___e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together

ANSWERS: 107. mass, 108. fast-forward, 109. portable, 110. laptop, 111. embrace, 112. scarcity, 113. empower, 114. empower, 115. identify, 116. human-made, 117. grove

118. finish the ass_____nt
n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
119. ex_____ng news
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
120. key co_____nt
n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
121. follow his ins_____ons
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
122. in___e criticism
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
123. 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
124. do on a con_____nt basis
adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
125. people in ru___l areas
adj. of or relating to the countryside
126. a member of the Ac_____y
n. a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
127. par_____ip across the Atlantic
n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
128. urban di_____cts
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
129. the sets were meticulously
au_____ic
adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

ANSWERS: 118. assignment, 119. exciting, 120. component, 121. instruction, 122. invite, 123. mass, 124. consistent, 125. rural, 126. academy, 127. partnership, 128. district, 129. authentic

130. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
131. a ro___t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
132. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
133. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
134. the wine in giant o_k vats *n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns
135. seasoned fl__r *n.* (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something
136. lea_____ip by politicians *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
137. 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
138. act c__e *adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

ANSWERS: 130. assignment, 131. robust, 132. uncomfortable, 133. gentle, 134. oak, 135. flier, 136. leadership, 137. process, 138. cute

139. imm_____ly recall a product	<i>adv.</i> now or without delay
140. series of exp_____nts	<i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
141. Peruvian ar_____cts	<i>n.</i> a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
142. the th____l of speed	<i>n.</i> a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
143. a divine rev_____on	<i>n.</i> a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
144. exp_____nt design	<i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
145. an ab_____te must	<i>adj.</i> perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
146. a pre-election p____l	<i>n.</i> an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
147. computer gr_____cs	<i>n.</i> images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.
148. inv_____te the matter	<i>v.</i> to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

ANSWERS: 139. immediately, 140. experiment, 141. artifact, 142. thrill, 143. revelation, 144. experiment, 145. absolute, 146. poll, 147. graphics, 148. investigate

149. an imprudent ta___c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
150. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
151. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
152. ro___t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
153. per_____nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
154. consistency cr_____ia *n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
155. gu_____o attitude *adj.* extremely enthusiastic and eager, often to the point of being reckless or overenthusiastic; marked by an unwavering commitment to a cause or mission
156. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
157. a heavy sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

ANSWERS: 149. tactic, 150. prop, 151. candidate, 152. robust, 153. persistent, 154. criteria, 155. gung-ho, 156. appropriate, 157. schedule

158. po__t the existence of life after death
v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
159. the rev_____on of a secret
n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
160. sp__l my heart
v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
161. sta_____ze administrative practices
v. to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
162. sta_____ze a language
v. to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process
163. cr_____ia for action
n. (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
164. in_____te a lawsuit
n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
165. a va__d contract
adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

ANSWERS: 158. posit, 159. revelation, 160. spill, 161. standardize, 162. standardize, 163. criteria, 164. institute, 165. valid

166. si____ar goal *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
167. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
168. 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
169. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
170. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
171. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
172. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
173. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
174. ec_____ic approach *adj.* deriving ideas, styles, or features from a diverse range of sources; representing a broad or diverse range of ideas or interests

ANSWERS: 166. singular, 167. extraordinary, 168. stud, 169. educational, 170. prop, 171. district, 172. generation, 173. elect, 174. eclectic

175. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
176. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
177. in a ge___e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
178. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
179. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
180. ent_____tic audience *adj.* having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something
181. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
182. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
183. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
184. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

ANSWERS: 175. government, 176. transport, 177. gentle, 178. bubble, 179. interact, 180. enthusiastic, 181. thrill, 182. institute, 183. disappoint, 184. persistent

185. ex_____e account

n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something

186. budget su_____s

n. an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply

ANSWERS: 185. expense, 186. surplus

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her _____ taste in music ranges from classical to hip-hop.
adj. deriving ideas, styles, or features from a diverse range of sources; representing a broad or diverse range of ideas or interests
2. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside
3. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
4. The _____ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.
n. being only one of its kind; unique
5. My dream is to become a great _____ designer like her.
n. images, designs, or drawings used in websites, books, magazines, etc.
6. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
7. You are not _____ in your behavior.
adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
8. He postulated a completely different _____ to explain all these phenomena.
n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
9. He has been _____ with her since he met her.
v. to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. eclectic, 2. rural, 3. exciting, 4. singular, 5. graphics, 6. instruction, 7. consistent, 8. paradigm, 9. infatuated

10. Large ____ trees cast a shadow in the garden.

n. a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns

11. They walked through the _____ of trees and admired the natural beauty.

n. a small group of trees growing closely together

12. The stages of the play were meticulously _____

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

13. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

14. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.

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

15. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

16. The coach implemented a new _____ to win the game.

n. a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

17. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 10. oak, 11. grove, 12. authentic, 13. acquire, 14. bubble, 15. grade, 16. tactic, 17. communicate

18. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
19. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.
n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
20. 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
21. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
22. Many bookshops no longer carry printed _____ but some libraries still hold onto their collections.
n. a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
23. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
24. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.
adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

ANSWERS: 18. disappoint, 19. candidate's, 20. process, 21. component, 22. encyclopedias, 23. investigated, 24. gentle

25. The team was _____ about starting the new project and worked tirelessly to get it off the ground.

adj. extremely enthusiastic and eager, often to the point of being reckless or overenthusiastic; marked by an unwavering commitment to a cause or mission

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

adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

27. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

28. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

29. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

30. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

31. The _____ generator was essential during the camping trip.

adj. easily moved or carried; able to be transported from one location to another

32. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

33. The chief _____ was responsible for organizing the meeting.

n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

ANSWERS: 25. gung-ho, 26. cute, 27. appropriate, 28. human-made, 29. decide, 30. interact, 31. portable, 32. absolute, 33. secretary

34. He was determined to _____ everything.

v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

35. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

36. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.

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

37. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my _____ all day.

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

38. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

39. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

40. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

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

41. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 34. spill, 35. passe, 36. generation, 37. laptop, 38. posit, 39. disaster, 40. extraordinary, 41. empowered

42. As a frequent _____ I accumulate a lot of miles that I use for vacation trips.
n. (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something
43. For this project to be successful, we must control _____ strictly.
n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
44. His abusive words made me _____.
adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
45. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
46. The country's _____ has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.
n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
47. The shocking _____ embarrassed the administration.
n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
48. The food _____ at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.
n. an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
49. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
adj. relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 42. flier, 43. expenses, 44. uncomfortable, 45. Communal, 46. leadership, 47. revelation, 48. surplus, 49. visual

50. The woods _____ the house.

- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

51. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

- n.* a long or challenging search for something

52. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.

- adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

53. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

- n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

54. His _____ showed highly positive results.

- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

55. 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

56. 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

57. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.

- n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

ANSWERS: 50. embrace, 51. quest, 52. educational, 53. topic, 54. experiments, 55. mass, 56. responsible, 57. partnership

58. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

59. She was _____ about starting her new job.

adj. having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something

60. The international community condemned the _____ in the country.

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

61. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

62. I like to _____ through commercials when watching TV shows.

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

63. 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

64. The company _____ its procedures to improve efficiency and quality control.

v. to make uniform or consistent in form, quality, or performance; to establish or implement a standard or standardization process

65. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

ANSWERS: 58. graduated, 59. enthusiastic, 60. genocide, 61. invite, 62. fast-forward, 63. elected, 64. standardized, 65. thrill

66. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
67. Her new documentary earned her an _____ Award.
n. a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
68. Your credit card is no longer _____.
adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
69. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
70. I need to _____ about the details of the job interview.
v. to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
71. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.
n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
72. So far, the meeting is going according to _____.
n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
73. 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: 66. identify, 67. Academy, 68. valid, 69. landscape, 70. inquire, 71. assignment, 72. schedule, 73. geography

74. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

75. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

76. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

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

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

78. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

79. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

80. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.

adv. mainly

81. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

ANSWERS: 74. polls, 75. persistent, 76. awesome, 77. government, 78. robust, 79. institutes, 80. primarily, 81. district

82. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
83. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
- v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
84. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor _____.
- n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
85. He didn't meet all the _____ but he was hired anyway.
- n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
86. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
- n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
87. We have finally lost our last _____.
- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
88. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv.* now or without delay
89. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 82. environment, 83. pose, 84. scarcity, 85. criteria, 86. artifacts, 87. prop, 88. immediately, 89. opportune

90. The _____ of the internet has dramatically changed the way we communicate.
- n.* the arrival or beginning of something; the coming of Jesus Christ at his birth
91. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
92. 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
93. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 90. advent, 91. conversation, 92. stud, 93. transportation