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Session 1: Word List

sleeplessness

n. the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping

synonym: insomnia, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) **sleeplessness** disorder, (2) beat **sleeplessness**

He tried various treatments for his **sleeplessness**, but nothing seemed to work.

unnatural

adj. not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected

synonym: abnormal, bizarre, artificial

(1) **unnatural** death, (2) **unnatural** disaster

The **unnatural** growth of the city has disrupted wildlife habitats.

humming

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

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

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

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

dent

v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into

a surface

synonym : indent, depress, mark

(1) **dent** removal, (2) **dent** his pride

He acci **dentally** dented his car when he bumped into a tree.

plunder

v. to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

synonym : pillage, loot, despoil

(1) **plunder** the enemy's stronghold, (2) **plunder** his reputation

The pirates could **plunder** the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym : director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

troupe

n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

synonym : company, ensemble, group

(1) **troupe** rehearsal, (2) circus **troupe**

The theater **troupe** is performing Hamlet this weekend.

brilliance

n. the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

synonym : splendor, glory, luster

(1) **brilliance** of diamond, (2) economic **brilliance**

The scientist's **brilliance** led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.

cram

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

synonym: stuff, pack, jam

(1) **cram** more circuits into chips, (2) **cram** five people into a car

She had to **cram** for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

iterate

v. to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

synonym: repeat, reiterate, echo

(1) **iterate** results, (2) **iterate** an experiment

We need to **iterate** on this design to improve its functionality.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

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.

ratchet

n. a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement

synonym : gear, wrench, spanner

(1) **ratchet** wrench, (2) **ratchet** effect

He turned the bolt with the **ratchet**, making sure it was secure.

shin

n. the front part of the leg below the knee

synonym : tibia, lower leg, front leg

(1) **shin** guard, (2) **shin** injury

The pain in his **shin** made it hard for him to walk.

numb

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

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

eloquent

adj. able to speak or write clearly and impressively

synonym : persuasive, fluent, well-spoken

(1) an **eloquent** speaker, (2) **eloquent** writing

She gave an **eloquent** speech at the graduation ceremony.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

eureka

n. exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight

synonym : discovery, breakthrough, aha moment

(1) have a **eureka** moment, (2) shout "**eureka!**"

"**Eureka!**" he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.

mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

synonym : misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

underreport

v. to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required

synonym : understate, downplay, minimize

(1) **underreport** the number of employees, (2) **underreport** expenses

Some companies **underreport** their profits to avoid paying higher taxes.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

hundredfold

adj. a hundred times as great or as much

(1) rise nearly **hundredfold**, (2) improve **hundredfold**

The development team reported two **hundredfold** increases in performance.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

decode

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

synonym: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

unicycle

n. a vehicle consisting of a single wheel, typically with pedals and a seat affixed to the axle

synonym: monocycle, one-wheeler

(1) ride a **unicycle**, (2) **unicycle** balance

I watched in awe as he rode his **unicycle** across the

tightrope.

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.

artful

adj. skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill

synonym: crafty, cunning, skillful

(1) **artful** design, (2) **artful** manipulation

The writer's **artful** descriptions made the reader feel as though they were part of the story.

replicate

v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

synonym: duplicate, imitate, reproduce

(1) **replicate** the cell, (2) **replicate** data

The experiment was **replicated** several times to ensure accuracy.

nonverbal

adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

synonym: silent, mute, unspoken

(1) **nonverbal** communication, (2) **nonverbal** signal

Many communication skills rely on **nonverbal** cues such as body language and facial expressions.

cadence

n. the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

synonym: rhythm, flow, beat

(1) **cadence** of footsteps, (2) regular **cadence**

The singer's voice had a beautiful **cadence**, and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.

subconscious

adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

synonym : unconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior

The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

wither

v. to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor

synonym : fade, wilt, shrivel

(1) **wither** corporate management, (2) **wither** in the heat

The flowers in the garden began to **wither** due to lack of water.

vine

n. a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems

(1) a green **vine**, (2) **vine** of ore

A **vine** remains productive throughout the year.

primal

adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

synonym : original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

louse

n. a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

synonym : bug, insect, parasite

(1) pubic **louse**, (2) **louse** egg

The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one **louse**.

silo

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

synonym : storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silo**, (2) **silo** organization

The farmer used a **silo** to store feed for the animals.

undifferentiated

adj. having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions

synonym : uniform, identical, alike

(1) **undifferentiated** cells, (2) **undifferentiated** market

The infant makes **undifferentiated** reflex responses to stimuli.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

shanty

n. a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure

synonym : shack, hut, cabin

(1) **shanty-style** lodging, (2) makeshift **shanty**

The beach **shanty** provided temporary shelter for the stranded tourists.

manure

n. organic matter, such as animal dung or decaying plant material, used as fertilizer to improve the fertility of soil; animal waste material used as fertilizer

synonym : fertilizer, dung, compost

(1) composted **manure**, (2) animal **manure**

The farmers used cow **manure** to create compost for their crops.

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**.

sack

v. to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

synonym : discharge, remove, (noun) bag

(1) **sack** an employee, (2) a sleep **sack**

He was **sacked** from his job for stealing company property.

hotbed

n. a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense

synonym : breeding ground, center, focus

(1) a **hotbed** of vice, (2) a **hotbed** of the drug trade

The city was a **hotbed** of political activism.

Session 2: Spelling

1. wi___r in the heat
v. to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
2. d__t removal
v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
3. no_____al signal
adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
4. pl_____r his reputation
v. to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
5. ar___l manipulation
adj. skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill
6. in_____te a new method
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
7. issue a w__t
n. a written legal order or command
8. ar___l design
adj. skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill
9. ex___e the crowd
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 1. wither, 2. dent, 3. nonverbal, 4. plunder, 5. artful, 6. innovate, 7. writ, 8. artful, 9. excite

10. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
11. economic bri_____ce *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
12. em_____e a successful business model *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
13. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
14. pr___l eras *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
15. sh___y-style lodging *n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
16. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
17. shout "eu___a!" *n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
18. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
19. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
20. have a eu___a moment *n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
21. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 10. obsess, 11. brilliance, 12. emulate, 13. heroic, 14. primal, 15. shanty, 16. innovate, 17. eureka, 18. reinvent, 19. empower, 20. eureka, 21. humming

22. fuel sc____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
23. s__o organization *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
24. s__n guard *n.* the front part of the leg below the knee
25. a ho____d of the drug trade *n.* a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense
26. mi____d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
27. wi____r corporate management *v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
28. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
29. rise nearly hun_____ld *adj.* a hundred times as great or as much
30. el____nt writing *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
31. animal ma____e *n.* organic matter, such as animal dung or decaying plant material, used as fertilizer to improve the fertility of soil; animal waste material used as fertilizer
32. lo__e egg *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

ANSWERS: 22. scarcity, 23. silo, 24. shin, 25. hotbed, 26. mislead, 27. wither, 28. numb, 29. hundredfold, 30. eloquent, 31. manure, 32. louse

33. re_____te the cell
v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
34. un_____al death
adj. not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected
35. ex_____e in anger
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
36. an el_____nt speaker
adj. able to speak or write clearly and impressively
37. tr____e rehearsal
n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
38. re_____nt our life
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
39. no_____al communication
adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language
40. a he____c poem
adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
41. c__m five people into a car
v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

ANSWERS: 33. replicate, 34. unnatural, 35. explode, 36. eloquent, 37. troupe, 38. reinvent, 39. nonverbal, 40. heroic, 41. cram

42. composted ma___e *n.* organic matter, such as animal dung or decaying plant material, used as fertilizer to improve the fertility of soil; animal waste material used as fertilizer
43. sle_____ess disorder *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
44. nu___e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
45. de___e a message *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
46. sub_____ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
47. s__k an employee *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
48. pl_____r the enemy's stronghold *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
49. un_____le balance *n.* a vehicle consisting of a single wheel, typically with pedals and a seat affixed to the axle
50. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 42. manure, 43. sleeplessness, 44. nurture, 45. decode, 46. subconscious, 47. sack, 48. plunder, 49. unicycle, 50. empower

51. bri_____ce of diamond *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
52. d__t his pride *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
53. a sleep s__k *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
54. pr___l fear *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
55. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
56. c__m more circuits into chips *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
57. ra_____t wrench *n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
58. regular ca_____e *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

ANSWERS: 51. brilliance, 52. dent, 53. sack, 54. primal, 55. numb, 56. cram, 57. ratchet, 58. cadence

59. beat sle_____ess *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
60. ride a un_____le *n.* a vehicle consisting of a single wheel, typically with pedals and a seat affixed to the axle
61. ra_____t effect *n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
62. a green v___e *n.* a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems
63. em_____e his watercolors *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
64. circus tr___e *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
65. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
66. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
67. pubic lo__e *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
68. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
69. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

ANSWERS: 59. sleeplessness, 60. unicycle, 61. ratchet, 62. vine, 63. emulate, 64. troupe, 65. grandchild, 66. writ, 67. louse, 68. grandchild, 69. doom

70. und_____ted cells *adj.* having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions
71. un_____al disaster *adj.* not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected
72. it_____e an experiment *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea
73. v__e of ore *n.* a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems
74. makeshift sh____y *n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
75. s__n injury *n.* the front part of the leg below the knee
76. und_____rt the number of employees *v.* to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required
77. ability to de____e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

ANSWERS: 70. undifferentiated, 71. unnatural, 72. iterate, 73. vine, 74. shanty, 75. shin, 76. underreport, 77. decode

78. und_____rt expenses *v.* to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required
79. improve hun_____ld *adj.* a hundred times as great or as much
80. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
81. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
82. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
83. mi_____d the enemy *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
84. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
85. ca_____e of footsteps *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
86. ex_____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
87. ob_____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
88. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

ANSWERS: 78. underreport, 79. hundredfold, 80. intrigue, 81. filmmaker, 82. humming, 83. mislead, 84. filmmaker, 85. cadence, 86. excite, 87. obsess, 88. scarcity

89. re_____te data *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
90. nuclear s__o *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
91. a ho____d of vice *n.* a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense
92. und_____ted market *adj.* having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions
93. sub_____ous behavior *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
94. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
95. in_____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
96. it_____e results *v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea

ANSWERS: 89. replicate, 90. silo, 91. hotbed, 92. undifferentiated, 93. subconscious, 94. nurture, 95. intrigue, 96. iterate

97. prophet of d__m

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

98. ex____e in popularity

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

ANSWERS: 97. doom, 98. explode

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A _____ remains productive throughout the year.
n. a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems
2. The development team reported two _____ increases in performance.
adj. a hundred times as great or as much
3. The scientist's _____ led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.
n. the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
4. The experiment was _____ several times to ensure accuracy.
v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
5. The writer's _____ descriptions made the reader feel as though they were part of the story.
adj. skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill
6. He acci_____dented his car when he bumped into a tree.
v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
7. The infant makes _____ reflex responses to stimuli.
adj. having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions

ANSWERS: 1. vine, 2. hundredfold, 3. brilliance, 4. replicated, 5. artful, 6. dentally, 7. undifferentiated

8. The singer's voice had a beautiful _____ and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.
- n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
9. He tried various treatments for his _____ but nothing seemed to work.
- n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
10. 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
11. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
- v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
12. The farmers used cow _____ to create compost for their crops.
- n.* organic matter, such as animal dung or decaying plant material, used as fertilizer to improve the fertility of soil; animal waste material used as fertilizer
13. The pirates could _____ the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.
- v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
14. The theater _____ is performing Hamlet this weekend.
- n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
15. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.
- v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 8. cadence, 9. sleeplessness, 10. empowered, 11. innovate, 12. manure, 13. plunder, 14. troupe, 15. intrigues

16. The _____ growth of the city has disrupted wildlife habitats.

adj. not in accordance with the normal or natural order or not normal, typical, or expected

17. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

18. Our troops pulled back to _____ the enemy.

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

19. The software could _____ the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

20. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

21. " _____ he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.

n. exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight

22. He was _____ from his job for stealing company property.

v. to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

23. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

ANSWERS: 16. unnatural, 17. obsessed, 18. mislead, 19. decode, 20. doom, 21. Eureka!", 22. sacked, 23. nurture

24. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
25. The flowers in the garden began to _____ due to lack of water.
- v. to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
26. She had to _____ for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.
- v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
27. 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
28. He turned the bolt with the _____ making sure it was secure.
- n. a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
29. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
- v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
30. Some companies _____ their profits to avoid paying higher taxes.
- v. to give an insufficient or incomplete account of something, often intentionally or due to negligence; to deliberately or accidentally provide less information than what is accurate or required
31. The city was a _____ of political activism.
- n. a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense

ANSWERS: 24. excited, 25. wither, 26. cram, 27. emulate, 28. ratchet, 29. exploded, 30. underreport, 31. hotbed

32. Many communication skills rely on _____ cues such as body language and facial expressions.

adj. not involving or using spoken or written language; communicated through body language, facial expression, or other means besides language

33. The pain in his _____ made it hard for him to walk.

n. the front part of the leg below the knee

34. The beach _____ provided temporary shelter for the stranded tourists.

n. a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure

35. I watched in awe as he rode his _____ across the tightrope.

n. a vehicle consisting of a single wheel, typically with pedals and a seat affixed to the axle

36. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

37. My left arm became _____.

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

38. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

n. a written legal order or command

39. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 32. nonverbal, 33. shin, 34. shanty, 35. unicycle, 36. heroic, 37. numb, 38. writ, 39. reinvent

40. The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one _____.
- n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
41. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
- adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
42. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
- n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
43. We need to _____ on this design to improve its functionality.
- v.* to repeat or do something again, often to make improvements or correct errors; to go over or revisit something repeatedly; to restate or emphasize a point or idea
44. The _____ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.
- adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
45. 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
46. She gave an _____ speech at the graduation ceremony.
- adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
47. The farmer used a _____ to store feed for the animals.
- n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

ANSWERS: 40. louse, 41. humming, 42. filmmaker, 43. iterate, 44. primal, 45. scarcity, 46. eloquent, 47. silo

48. The _____ mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

49. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

ANSWERS: 48. subconscious, 49. grandchild