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Session 1: Word List

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

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.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

blur

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

synonym: smudge, smear, fuzz

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

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

modernity

n. the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

synonym: contemporaneousness, present-day, contemporaneity

(1) spirit of **modernity**, (2) path toward **modernity**

He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's **modernity**.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

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.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task
My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

rag

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

synonym : cloth, fragment

(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll

He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

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.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

hijab

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

synonym : veil, headscarf, cover

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

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

headscarf

n. a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons

synonym : hijab, shawl, veil

(1) traditional **headscarf**, (2) **headscarf** cloth

Some women choose to wear a **headscarf** as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.

maim

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

synonym : injure, incapacitate, wound

(1) **maim** a victim, (2) **maim** his hand

The reckless driver **maimed** several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

replant

v. to remove a plant from one place and transplant it in another, often to promote growth or preserve its existence; to reattach a body part, such as a finger, hand, or even a limb, that has been completely severed from the body

synonym : transplant, relocate

(1) **replant** the patient's severed arm, (2) **replant** crops

After the storm, we had to **replant** all the uprooted trees.

radicalize

v. to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices

synonym : transform, alter

(1) **radicalize** religious groups, (2) **radicalize** ideology

The extremist group aims to **radicalize** young people through its propaganda.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

devout

adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

synonym : pious, religious, faithful

(1) **devout** Buddhist, (2) act in a **devout** manner

The **devout** monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

harmonize

v. to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible

synonym : reconcile, balance, match

(1) **harmonize** with others, (2) **harmonize** two different opinions

The musicians attempted to **harmonize** their voices for the chorus.

breaker

n. a person or thing that breaks, disrupts, or interrupts; a large wave that collapses or breaks forcefully onto the shore or against an obstacle

synonym : wave, interrupter, obstruction

(1) record **breaker**, (2) tide **breaker**

He used a circuit **breaker** to restore power to the entire building.

indebted

adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

synonym : owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

misdemeanor

n. a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months

synonym : infraction, offense, wrongdoing

(1) **misdemeanor** charge, (2) commit a **misdemeanor**

A **misdemeanor** conviction can have long-term consequences, such as difficulty finding employment.

inordinate

adj. excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate

synonym : exorbitant, unreasonable, extreme

(1) **inordinate** ambition, (2) **inordinate** interest

She had an **inordinate** amount of work to complete before the deadline.

outrage

n. an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

synonym : indignation, fury, anger

(1) public **outrage**, (2) **outrage** over injustice

There was widespread **outrage** over the government's handling of the situation.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

sari

n. a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles

synonym : shawl, wrap, veil

(1) **sari** blouse, (2) silk **sari**

She wore a beautiful **sari** to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.

bangle

n. a decorative piece of jewelry, often worn around the wrist, consisting of a circular or semi-circular band that may be solid or hollow and may be adorned with various embellishments

synonym : bracelet, wristlet, armlet

(1) silver **bangle**, (2) dancer's **bangles**

She wore a gold **bangle** on her wrist that shimmered in the

sunlight.

bewilder

v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

synonym: perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.

mutter

v. to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

synonym: grumble, mumble, complain

(1) **mutter** in a low voice, (2) **mutter** to myself

He **muttered** under his breath about the job relocation.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

tutelage

n. the act or process of providing guidance, instruction, or protection to someone, especially someone who is young or inexperienced; the relationship between a mentor or teacher and their student or protégé

synonym: mentoring, guidance, apprenticeship

(1) **tutelage** of young learners, (2) provide **tutelage**

The student was under the **tutelage** of a well-known scholar.

defiant

adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

synonym: rebellious, disobedient, insubordinate

(1) a **defiant** attitude, (2) **defiant** eye

The **defiant** student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.

overturn

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

synonym: flip over, upset, topple

(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table

The court **overturned** the original verdict.

oppressive

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

synonym: stifling, overwhelming, depressing

(1) the atmosphere was **oppressive**, (2) **oppressive**

governments

The political situation has become increasingly **oppressive**.

burqa

n. a loose, enveloping outer garment worn by some Muslim women, particularly in Afghanistan and other conservative societies, covering the entire body, including the face, with a mesh screen for the eyes

synonym: veil, niqab, chador

(1) traditional **burqa**, (2) Islamic **burqa**

The woman in the bright blue **burqa** stood out in the crowd.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

disbeliever

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

synonym: non-believer, skeptic, doubter

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

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

feisty

adj. full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament

synonym : spunky, plucky, spirited

(1) **feisty** attitude, (2) **feisty** debate

The **feisty** little terrier refused to back down from the larger dog.

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym : practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

imam

n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

synonym : leader, cleric, spiritual guide

(1) **imam** of mosque, (2) spiritual **imam**

In some Muslim countries, the **imam's** position is appointed by the government.

slyly

adv. in a crafty or cunning manner; sneakily or deceptively

synonym : covertly, sneakily, cunningly

(1) whisper **slyly** to her friend, (2) smile **slyly**

He **slyly** slipped the note into her bag when she wasn't looking.

flatter

v. to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

synonym : compliment, praise, butter up

(1) **flatter** his superiors, (2) **flatter** the host

She managed to **flatter** her boss into giving her a promotion.

mosque

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

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

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in

the United Arab Emirates.

shrug

v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

(1) **shrug** off the importance, (2) **shrug** his shoulders sadly
I respect her ability to **shrug** off harsh criticism.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

dike

n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

synonym: levee, embankment, dam

(1) water **dike**, (2) coastal **dike**

The town council plans to repair the damaged **dike** along the riverbank.

nationalist

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

synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

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

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

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym: intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

outcast

adj. excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group;
(noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

synonym : fugitive, friendless, vagabond

(1) discrimination against **outcast** people, (2) social **outcast**
He was an **outcast** from the neighboring village.

moth

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

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

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

queer

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

synonym : strange, odd, unusual

(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym : insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

improbable

adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

synonym : unlikely, doubtful, implausible

(1) **improbable** story, (2) **improbable** event

It is **improbable** that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

alchemy

n. a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

synonym: sorcery, magic, transmutation

(1) **alchemy** experiment, (2) **alchemy** of emotions

Today, the study of **alchemy** remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy

discord

n. lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

synonym: disharmony, disagreement, strife

(1) in **discord** with my friend, (2) **discord** between team members

Political **discord** has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

repertoire

n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

synonym: collection, range, reservoir

(1) musical **repertoire**, (2) cooking **repertoire**

The chef's **repertoire** of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.

anthem

n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause

synonym: hymn, song, paean

(1) a national **anthem**, (2) **anthem** singer

The **anthem** of the country was played during the ceremony.

duet

n. a musical composition or performance featuring two performers, often on different instruments or with different vocal parts; a scene in a play or movie with two actors delivering lines or performing actions together

synonym: harmony, duo, partnership

(1) the **duet** by the two famous singers, (2) **duet** partner

The two singers performed a beautiful **duet** together on stage.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym: hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

- 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.
- troubadour** *n.* a poet and musician in the courts of Southern France in the Middle Ages, known for writing and performing love songs
synonym : minstrel, singer, composer
(1) wandering **troubadour**, (2) **troubadour** poetry
The **troubadour's** guitar accompaniment added a playful and romantic touch to his performances.
- accepting** *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
synonym : tolerant, open-minded, receptive
(1) **accepting** attitude, (2) **accepting** of diversity
He was an **accepting** person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.
- strife** *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
synonym : conflict, disagreement, dissension
(1) at **strife** over the land, (2) civil **strife**
The country has been wracked by political **strife** for many years.
- abduct** *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
synonym : kidnap, seize, snatch
(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint
The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.
- bloodshed** *n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
synonym : carnage, violence, killing

(1) bloody **bloodshed**, (2) massive **bloodshed**

The negotiations failed, leading to threats of **bloodshed** between the two countries.

sermon

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

synonym: homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

Christ

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

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

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

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

motorcade

n. a procession of vehicles, especially automobiles, that moves slowly along a road carrying someone important accompanied by police or military escorts

synonym: convoy, parade, procession

(1) police **motorcade**, (2) victory **motorcade**

The **motorcade** of vehicles drove the president to his next destination.

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.

baton

n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to

runner in a relay race

synonym : staff, stick, wand

(1) conducting **baton**, (2) twirl the **baton**

The police officer used his **baton** to disperse the crowd.

untie

v. to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound

synonym : untangle, unfasten, undo

(1) **untie** the ribbon, (2) **untie** shoelaces

I needed to **untie** the knots in my shoelaces before I could put my shoes on.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

undress

v. to remove clothing or coverings, particularly those worn on the upper body or torso; to reveal or expose something that was previously concealed or hidden

synonym : strip, disrobe, undrobe

(1) **undress** his past, (2) **undress** before showering

She **undressed** in the privacy of her bedroom.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

suffragist

n. a person who advocates for the right to vote, typically about the women's suffrage (= the right to vote in political elections, especially in the context of democratic systems) movement

synonym : feminist, women's rights advocate

(1) **suffragist** organizations, (2) ardent **suffragist**,
The **suffragist** movement in the 19th and early 20th century fought tirelessly for women's right to vote.

paraphrase

v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

synonym: rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

subvert

v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

synonym: overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

feminism

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

synonym: women's rights, gender equality

(1) radical **feminism**, (2) liberal **feminism**

She is a strong advocate for **feminism** and works tirelessly for women's rights.

colonize

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

synonym : settle, occupy, inhabit

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

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

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the Ca____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
2. wandering tro____ur *n.* a poet and musician in the courts of Southern France in the Middle Ages, known for writing and performing love songs
3. the d__t by the two famous singers *n.* a musical composition or performance featuring two performers, often on different instruments or with different vocal parts; a scene in a play or movie with two actors delivering lines or performing actions together
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ANSWERS: 1. Catholic, 2. troubadour, 3. duet, 4. dike, 5. Catholic, 6. paradox

7. face the da____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
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11. ha____ze two different opinions *v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible
12. a national an____m *n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
13. domed mo____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
14. 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
15. ha____ze with others *v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible

ANSWERS: 7. daunting, 8. abduct, 9. duet, 10. mobilize, 11. harmonize, 12. anthem, 13. mosque, 14. intrigue, 15. harmonize

16. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
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22. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
23. re_____t the patient's severed arm *v.* to remove a plant from one place and transplant it in another, often to promote growth or preserve its existence; to reattach a body part, such as a finger, hand, or even a limb, that has been completely severed from the body

ANSWERS: 16. moth, 17. resilient, 18. troubadour, 19. repertoire, 20. redefine, 21. nod, 22. nostalgia, 23. replant

32. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
33. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
34. excite re_____on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
35. sh__g his shoulders sadly *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
36. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
37. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
38. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
39. a de_____t attitude *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
40. fl_____r the host *v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely
41. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

ANSWERS: 32. aspiration, 33. aft, 34. rebellion, 35. shrug, 36. chant, 37. defy, 38. empower, 39. defiant, 40. flatter, 41. blur

42. pr_____ic approach *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
43. radical fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
44. be_____er the reader *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
45. ov_____rn a table *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
46. dancer's ba_____es *n.* a decorative piece of jewelry, often worn around the wrist, consisting of a circular or semi-circular band that may be solid or hollow and may be adorned with various embellishments
47. s__i blouse *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
48. al_____y experiment *n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious
49. mu_____r in a low voice *v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath

ANSWERS: 42. pragmatic, 43. feminism, 44. bewilder, 45. overturn, 46. bangle, 47. sari, 48. alchemy, 49. mutter

50. an___m singer *n.* a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
51. sh___g off the importance *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
52. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
53. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
54. su_____t expectations *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
55. un___e the ribbon *v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound
56. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
57. unb_____le pain *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
58. m___m his hand *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

ANSWERS: 50. anthem, 51. shrug, 52. mobilize, 53. oppress, 54. subvert, 55. untie, 56. opportune, 57. unbearable, 58. maim

59. twirl the ba__n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
60. pr_____ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
61. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
62. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
63. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
64. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
65. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
66. imp_____le story *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
67. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
68. re_____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 59. baton, 60. pragmatic, 61. weave, 62. opportune, 63. embarrass, 64. singe, 65. empower, 66. improbable, 67. paradox, 68. redefine

69. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
70. 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
71. co____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
72. su____t power *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
73. co____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
74. un____s before showering *v.* to remove clothing or coverings, particularly those worn on the upper body or torso; to reveal or expose something that was previously concealed or hidden
75. in di____d with my friend *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
76. ino____te ambition *adj.* excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate

ANSWERS: 69. chant, 70. intrigue, 71. colonize, 72. subvert, 73. colonize, 74. undress, 75. discord, 76. inordinate

77. de____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
78. seem like a da_____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
79. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
80. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
81. a r_g of cloud *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
82. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
83. woman's hi__b *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
84. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
85. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
86. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 77. descend, 78. daunting, 79. passe, 80. Christ, 81. rag, 82. philanthropy, 83. hijab, 84. passe, 85. confer, 86. aft

95. financially in_____ed *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
96. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
97. victory mo_____de *n.* a procession of vehicles, especially automobiles, that moves slowly along a road carrying someone important accompanied by police or military escorts
98. discrimination against ou_____t people *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
99. r_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
100. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
101. al_____y of emotions *n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

ANSWERS: 95. indebted, 96. nationalist, 97. motorcade, 98. outcast, 99. rag, 100. moth, 101. alchemy

102. suf_____st organizations *n.* a person who advocates for the right to vote, typically about the women's suffrage (= the right to vote in political elections, especially in the context of democratic systems) movement
103. conducting ba__n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
104. liberal fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
105. re_____on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
106. ac_____ng attitude *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
107. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
108. whisper sl__y to her friend *adv.* in a crafty or cunning manner; sneakily or deceptively
109. fe___y debate *adj.* full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament
110. lengthy se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

ANSWERS: 102. suffragist, 103. baton, 104. feminism, 105. rebellion, 106. accepting, 107. aspiration, 108. slyly, 109. feisty, 110. sermon

111. qu__r money	<i>adj.</i> strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
112. path toward mo_____ty	<i>n.</i> the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
113. opp_____ve governments	<i>adj.</i> treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
114. we__e a story	<i>v.</i> to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
115. mis_____or charge	<i>n.</i> a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
116. ac_____ng of diversity	<i>adj.</i> willing to receive or to take something offered
117. the sacred mo___e	<i>n.</i> a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
118. a w__t of summons	<i>n.</i> a written legal order or command
119. traditional he_____rf	<i>n.</i> a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
120. bloody bl_____ed	<i>n.</i> the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
121. qu__r fashion	<i>adj.</i> strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
122. b__k in fear	<i>v.</i> to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

ANSWERS: 111. queer, 112. modernity, 113. oppressive, 114. weave, 115. misdemeanor, 116. accepting, 117. mosque, 118. writ, 119. headscarf, 120. bloodshed, 121. queer, 122. balk

123. provide tu____ge *n.* the act or process of providing guidance, instruction, or protection to someone, especially someone who is young or inexperienced; the relationship between a mentor or teacher and their student or protégé
124. fe____y attitude *adj.* full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament
125. unb____le heat *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
126. a det____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
127. op____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
128. a lay se____n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
129. nat____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
130. smile sl__y *adv.* in a crafty or cunning manner; sneakily or deceptively

ANSWERS: 123. tutelage, 124. feisty, 125. unbearable, 126. determinant, 127. oppress, 128. sermon, 129. nationalist, 130. slyly

131. traditional bu__a *n.* a loose, enveloping outer garment worn by some Muslim women, particularly in Afghanistan and other conservative societies, covering the entire body, including the face, with a mesh screen for the eyes
132. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
133. persuade a dis____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
134. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
135. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
136. de____t eye *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
137. civil st___e *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
138. em____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
139. de___t Buddhist *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
140. mu___r to myself *v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath
141. rad____ze religious groups *v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices

ANSWERS: 131. burqa, 132. blur, 133. disbeliever, 134. writ, 135. singe, 136. defiant, 137. strife, 138. embarrass, 139. devout, 140. mutter, 141. radicalize

142. at st___e over the land *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
143. ardent suf_____st, *n.* a person who advocates for the right to vote, typically about the women's suffrage (= the right to vote in political elections, especially in the context of democratic systems) movement
144. un___e shoelaces *v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound
145. water d___e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
146. cooking rep_____re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
147. be_____er scientists *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
148. silver ba___e *n.* a decorative piece of jewelry, often worn around the wrist, consisting of a circular or semi-circular band that may be solid or hollow and may be adorned with various embellishments

ANSWERS: 142. strife, 143. suffragist, 144. untie, 145. dike, 146. repertoire, 147. bewilder, 148. bangle

149. di____d between team members *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
150. un____s his past *v.* to remove clothing or coverings, particularly those worn on the upper body or torso; to reveal or expose something that was previously concealed or hidden
151. spiritual i__m *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
152. commit a mis____or *n.* a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
153. act in a de___t manner *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
154. tide br____r *n.* a person or thing that breaks, disrupts, or interrupts; a large wave that collapses or breaks forcefully onto the shore or against an obstacle
155. stubborn dis____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
156. ab___t a girl *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
157. hi__b garment *n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

ANSWERS: 149. discord, 150. undress, 151. imam, 152. misdemeanor, 153. devout, 154. breaker, 155. disbeliever, 156. abduct, 157. hijab

158. fl____r his superiors *v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely
159. m__m a victim *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
160. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
161. social ou____t *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
162. the atmosphere was opp_____ve *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
163. ov_____rn a decision *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
164. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
165. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
166. ou_____e over injustice *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
167. Islamic bu__a *n.* a loose, enveloping outer garment worn by some Muslim women, particularly in Afghanistan and other conservative societies, covering the entire body, including the face, with a mesh screen for the eyes

ANSWERS: 158. flatter, 159. maim, 160. resilient, 161. outcast, 162. oppressive, 163. overturn, 164. philanthropy, 165. Christ, 166. outrage, 167. burqa

168. par_____se a poem into prose *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
169. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
170. record br_____r *n.* a person or thing that breaks, disrupts, or interrupts; a large wave that collapses or breaks forcefully onto the shore or against an obstacle
171. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
172. police mo_____de *n.* a procession of vehicles, especially automobiles, that moves slowly along a road carrying someone important accompanied by police or military escorts
173. par_____se the meaning *v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
174. spirit of mo_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

ANSWERS: 168. paraphrase, 169. confer, 170. breaker, 171. determinant, 172. motorcade, 173. paraphrase, 174. modernity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The loss of his wife was an _____ sorrow that he found hard to overcome.
adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
2. He used a circuit _____ to restore power to the entire building.
n. a person or thing that breaks, disrupts, or interrupts; a large wave that collapses or breaks forcefully onto the shore or against an obstacle
3. The reckless driver _____ several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.
v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
4. He was an _____ from the neighboring village.
adj. excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
5. She had an _____ amount of work to complete before the deadline.
adj. excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate
6. The _____ student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.
adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
7. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.
adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 1. unbearable, 2. breaker, 3. maimed, 4. outcast, 5. inordinate, 6. defiant, 7. catholic

8. He felt _____ to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.
adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
9. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
10. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
11. She wore a beautiful _____ to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.
n. a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
12. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite _____.
adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
13. The complex instructions on the assignment sheet _____ most students.
v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
14. Political _____ has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.
n. lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
15. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.
n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

ANSWERS: 8. indebted, 9. resilient, 10. determinant, 11. sari, 12. queer, 13. bewilder, 14. discord, 15. disbeliever

16. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
- n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
17. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
18. The _____ movement in the 19th and early 20th century fought tirelessly for women's right to vote.
- n.* a person who advocates for the right to vote, typically about the women's suffrage (= the right to vote in political elections, especially in the context of democratic systems) movement
19. He _____ under his breath about the job relocation.
- v.* to speak or say something quietly and in a low voice; to make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath
20. 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
21. I respect her ability to _____ off harsh criticism.
- v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
22. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 16. blur, 17. Christmas, 18. suffragist, 19. muttered, 20. empowered, 21. shrug, 22. confer

23. 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

24. The woman in the bright blue _____ stood out in the crowd.

n. a loose, enveloping outer garment worn by some Muslim women, particularly in Afghanistan and other conservative societies, covering the entire body, including the face, with a mesh screen for the eyes

25. The chef's _____ of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.

n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

26. The country has been wracked by political _____ for many years.

n. conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

27. He has an _____ to become a doctor.

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

28. The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was _____.

v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

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

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

ANSWERS: 23. passe, 24. burqa, 25. repertoire, 26. strife, 27. aspiration, 28. abducted, 29. Mosque

30. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't _____ at trying again.
v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
31. The _____ monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.
adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
32. In some Muslim countries, the _____ position is appointed by the government.
n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
33. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
34. There are many theories to explain this _____.
n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
35. He _____ the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.
v. to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
36. The preacher delivered a powerful _____ on the importance of forgiveness.
n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
37. He was an _____ person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.
adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

ANSWERS: 30. balk, 31. devout, 32. imam's, 33. nostalgia, 34. paradox, 35. paraphrased, 36. sermon, 37. accepting

38. Many Muslim women wear a _____ as a symbol of their religious beliefs.
n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
39. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
40. Today, the study of _____ remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy
n. a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious
41. The antigovernment _____ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.
n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
42. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
43. The town council plans to repair the damaged ____ along the riverbank.
n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
44. She is a strong advocate for _____ and works tirelessly for women's rights.
n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

ANSWERS: 38. hijab, 39. aft, 40. alchemy, 41. rebellion, 42. nationalist, 43. dike, 44. feminism

45. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
- v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
46. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
- v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
47. A _____ conviction can have long-term consequences, such as difficulty finding employment.
- n. a minor crime or offense that is generally punishable by a fine or a jail term of fewer than 12 months
48. After the storm, we had to _____ all the uprooted trees.
- v. to remove a plant from one place and transplant it in another, often to promote growth or preserve its existence; to reattach a body part, such as a finger, hand, or even a limb, that has been completely severed from the body
49. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
- v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
50. She wore a gold _____ on her wrist that shimmered in the sunlight.
- n. a decorative piece of jewelry, often worn around the wrist, consisting of a circular or semi-circular band that may be solid or hollow and may be adorned with various embellishments
51. 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: 45. singed, 46. oppressed, 47. misdemeanor, 48. replant, 49. defy, 50. bangle, 51. intrigues

52. The _____ of the country was played during the ceremony.
n. a rousing or uplifting song identified with a particular group, body, or cause
53. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
54. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.
v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
55. He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's _____.
n. the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
56. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
57. He was a _____ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.
adj. practical rather than idealistic
58. The student was under the _____ of a well-known scholar.
n. the act or process of providing guidance, instruction, or protection to someone, especially someone who is young or inexperienced; the relationship between a mentor or teacher and their student or protégé
59. The _____ little terrier refused to back down from the larger dog.
adj. full of energy or courage, often in the face of opposition or challenge; lively or spunky in temperament

ANSWERS: 52. anthem, 53. writ, 54. weaves, 55. modernity, 56. philanthropy, 57. pragmatic, 58. tutelage, 59. feisty

60. The police officer used his _____ to disperse the crowd.

- n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

61. The rebels could _____ the government's plans by leaking classified information.

- v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

62. The _____ of vehicles drove the president to his next destination.

- n.* a procession of vehicles, especially automobiles, that moves slowly along a road carrying someone important accompanied by police or military escorts

63. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.

- adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

64. The two singers performed a beautiful _____ together on stage.

- n.* a musical composition or performance featuring two performers, often on different instruments or with different vocal parts; a scene in a play or movie with two actors delivering lines or performing actions together

65. The court _____ the original verdict.

- v.* to turn something upside down; to upset

66. She _____ in the privacy of her bedroom.

- v.* to remove clothing or coverings, particularly those worn on the upper body or torso; to reveal or expose something that was previously concealed or hidden

ANSWERS: 60. baton, 61. subvert, 62. motorcade, 63. daunting, 64. duet, 65. overturned, 66. undressed

67. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.

- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

68. He _____ slipped the note into her bag when she wasn't looking.

- adv.* in a crafty or cunning manner; sneakily or deceptively

69. It is _____ that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

- adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

70. The extremist group aims to _____ young people through its propaganda.

- v.* to cause or become more radical in one's beliefs or actions; to adopt or promote more extreme or uncompromising ideas or practices

71. She managed to _____ her boss into giving her a promotion.

- v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

72. She _____ quietly in response to the question.

- v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

73. He used an old ____ to clean the grease off the car's engine.

- n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

74. The musicians attempted to _____ their voices for the chorus.

- v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible

ANSWERS: 67. descended, 68. slyly, 69. improbable, 70. radicalize, 71. flatter, 72. nodded, 73. rag, 74. harmonize

75. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.
- v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
76. The military _____ troops to the border.
- v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
77. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.
- v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
78. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
79. There was widespread _____ over the government's handling of the situation.
- n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
80. The _____ guitar accompaniment added a playful and romantic touch to his performances.
- n.* a poet and musician in the courts of Southern France in the Middle Ages, known for writing and performing love songs
81. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
- v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 75. colonized, 76. mobilized, 77. redefined, 78. opportune, 79. outrage, 80. troubadour's, 81. embarrass

82. Some women choose to wear a _____ as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.
- n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
83. The negotiations failed, leading to threats of _____ between the two countries.
- n.* the act of shedding blood, often used to describe violence or war; injury or death caused by violence or conflict
84. The political situation has become increasingly _____.
- adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
85. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
- n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
86. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
- n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
87. I needed to _____ the knots in my shoelaces before I could put my shoes on.
- v.* to unfasten or loosen a knot, tie, or fastening; to release or free something that has been tied or bound

ANSWERS: 82. headscarf, 83. bloodshed, 84. oppressive, 85. moth, 86. chant, 87. untie