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Session 1: Word List

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

synonym: clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**
Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

spouse

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
synonym: partner, mate, wife

(1) **spouse** tax deduction, (2) **spouse** visa

The **spouse** of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

relevance

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

synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

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

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

terribly

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much

synonym: awfully, abominably, badly

(1) suffer **terribly**, (2) I am **terribly** sorry

His arm was swollen and **terribly** red.

significance

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

synonym: importance, value, worth

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

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

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym:

prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

interior

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

synonym: inner, inside, internal

(1) **interior** decoration, (2) plenty of **interior** space

The painter focused on the moody **interiors** of abandoned buildings in his work.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

illustration

n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

synonym : picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist

The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

snapshot

n. an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly

synonym : photo, picture, print

(1) take a **snapshot**, (2) developed **snapshot**

There were framed **snapshots** of family and friends in her room.

crux

n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

synonym : heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

brain

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

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

slug

n. a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink

(1) lazy **slug**, (2) reduce **slug** damage

I spotted a giant **slug** in the rain garden.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

mess

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

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

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

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

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

There are **obvious** differences between the two

wine-producing regions.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym: watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

differ

v. to be not like someone or something in some way

synonym: vary, diverge, disagree

(1) **differ** from the majority, (2) **differ** according to species

The two products **differed** in their quality and price.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

parietal

adj. relating to or situated near the wall of a body cavity; of, relating to, or involving the walls or outer surfaces of an organ or structure

synonym : cerebral, skull, cranial

(1) **parietal** cortex, (2) **parietal** bone

The **parietal** lobe of the brain is responsible for processing sensory information.

junction

n. a point where two or more things meet or come together, particularly roads, railways, or rivers; a place or time of joining or combining

synonym : intersection, convergence, connection

(1) **junction** box, (2) **junction** point

The **junction** between these two roads is a common site of traffic accidents.

logical

adj. characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason

synonym : rational, reasonable, coherent

(1) **logical** conclusion, (2) **logical** reasoning

The mathematical equation had a **logical** solution that was easy to follow.

activate

v. make something start working, more active or dynamic

synonym : mobilize, stimulate, initiate

(1) **activate** a receptor, (2) **activate** a motor

You must **activate** the software with a 16-digit key before you can use it.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

undergraduate

n. a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution

synonym: college student, freshman

(1) engineering **undergraduate**, (2) **undergraduate** course

The class was composed of both **undergraduate** and graduate students.

extended

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

synonym: extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

pirate

n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

synonym: buccaneer, corsair, privateer

(1) **pirate** treasure, (2) video **pirate**

The **pirate** captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

synonym: description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

continuation

n. the act of carrying something on over time without interruption

synonym: continuance

(1) **continuation** ceremony, (2) **continuation** of trial

The present economic policy is a **continuation** of the preceding one.

ante

n. a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor

synonym: bet, wager, stake

(1) up the **ante**, (2) penny- **ante** trade

We need to raise the **ante** to win this poker game.

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym: conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

naughty

adj. badly behaved; disobedient

synonym: disobedient, mischievous, impish

(1) **naughty** behavior, (2) **naughty** book

The child was being **naughty** and would not listen to his mother.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

specialized

adj. possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or intended for a particular purpose or function

synonym : technical, expert, skilled

(1) **specialized** knowledge, (2) **specialized** equipment

The hospital has many **specialized** departments, including cardiology and oncology.

adolescent

n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

synonym : teen, preadult, youth

(1) **adolescent** girl, (2) pre- **adolescent** children

Timely education about birth control might help reduce **adolescent** pregnancies.

childhood

n. the state or time of being a child

synonym : youth, infancy, adolescence

(1) since **childhood**, (2) **childhood** development

He had fond memories of his **childhood** spent playing in the park with his friends.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym : charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

powder

n. a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles

synonym : dust, crumb, grain

(1) **powder** additive, (2) curry **powder**

She used a **powder** brush to apply her foundation evenly.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

deadly

adj. likely to cause or capable of causing death

synonym : fatal, lethal, harmful

(1) fight against the **deadly** disease, (2) a **deadly** weapon

The members of religious organizations released **deadly** poisonous gas on a subway train.

poison

n. a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

synonym : toxin, venom, pollutant

(1) **poison** ivy, (2) **poison** bilateral relations

The plant's leaves contain a deadly **poison** that can cause hallucinations and seizures.

permissive

adj. allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable

synonym: indulgent, lenient, liberal

(1) assume a **permissive** attitude, (2) **permissive** society

The school has a **permissive** dress code and allows students to wear whatever they want.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

unsurprising

adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

synonym: predictable, expected, foreseeable

(1) **unsurprising** success, (2) **unsurprising** result

The **unsurprising** outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

accident

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

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

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

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

interfere

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

synonym: interpose, interrupt, hamper

(1) **interfere** in another country's affairs, (2) **interfere** with DNA synthesis

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the

body's **function**.

magnetic

adj. having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel

synonym : attractive, drawing, hypnotic

(1) **magnetic** field, (2) a **magnetic** tape

The **magnetic** force of the earth keeps our planet spinning.

stimulation

n. the act of arousing interest or activity in something; the action of providing a stimulus

synonym : activation, arousal, excitation

(1) **stimulation** of the economy, (2) **stimulation** of the senses

The **stimulation** of certain chemicals activates the brain's reward system.

pulse

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

synonym : beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

skull

n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

synonym : cranium, scalp, brain

(1) **skull** fracture, (2) have a thick **skull**

Archaeologists found a Neanderthal **skull** at that historic site.

temporarily

adv. for a limited time only or not permanently

synonym : for a time

(1) a hut made **temporarily**, (2) **temporarily** suspend the production

Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size **temporarily**.

disorganize

v. to disrupt or destroy the systematic order or function of something

synonym: disrupt, demobilize, derange

(1) **disorganized** the party, (2) **disorganize** the whole country

His betrayal **disorganized** the company completely.

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

synonym: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

involuntary

adj. acting or done without or against one's will

synonym: coerced, forced, automatic

(1) **involuntary** manslaughter, (2) **involuntary** muscles

The drug's side effects can include **involuntary** loss of urine.

contraction

n. the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount

synonym: shrinking, compression, reduction

(1) **contraction** of a disease, (2) **contraction** in the industry

The **contraction** of the economy has led to job losses.

applied

adj. of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way

synonym: practical, practiced, used

(1) **applied** research, (2) **applied** physics

Military technology eventually became the foundation for **applied** technology that supported people's lives.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

remains

n. the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal

synonym: leftovers, debris, relic

(1) **remains** of a building, (2) human **remains**

The **remains** of the ancient civilization can still be seen in the city's ruins.

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

synonym: rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

alarming

adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

synonym: forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

pentagon

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of

the U.S. military

synonym: five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

surreptitious

adj. kept secret or done in a way that avoids attention, often because it is seen as dishonest or inappropriate

synonym: clandestine, covert, sneaky

(1) **surreptitious** glance, (2) **surreptitious** meeting

The thief made a **surreptitious** escape from the scene of the crime.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

defendant

n. a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law

synonym: accused, prisoner, litigant

(1) **defendant** in court, (2) the **defendant's** testimony

The **defendant's** lawyer argued that his client was not responsible for the crime.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

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

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

jury

n. a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

synonym: panel, tribunal, adjudicators

(1) **jury** verdict, (2) **jury** duty

The judge instructed the **jury** on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.

recommendation

n. an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

synonym: guidance, advice, suggestion

(1) follow his **recommendations**, (2) a letter of **recommendation**

We made a **recommendation** to the client.

generation

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

synonym : cohort, age group, era

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

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

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

synonym : dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

distinctive

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

synonym : characteristic, individual, unique

(1) **distinctive** ability, (2) design to be **distinctive**

His writing style was **distinctive**, with a clear and concise voice.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

uniquely

adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others

synonym : singularly, exclusively, distinctively

(1) play a **uniquely** important role, (2) **uniquely** different

The painting is **uniquely** painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym : suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym : aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

notion

n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

synonym : idea, concept, belief

(1) **notion** of success, (2) vague **notion**

The **notion** of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

operate

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

synonym: work, use, employ

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

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

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

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!"

paradigm

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

synonym: example, standard, epitome

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

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

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

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

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event
The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---|---|
| 1. co_____nt the issue | <i>v.</i> to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person |
| 2. I am te_____ly sorry | <i>adv.</i> very badly; to a great extent or very much |
| 3. have a whole m__s | <i>n.</i> a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy |
| 4. ac_____te measurements | <i>adj.</i> correct and exact in all details |
| 5. in_____re in another country's affairs | <i>v.</i> to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing |
| 6. a de____y weapon | <i>adj.</i> likely to cause or capable of causing death |
| 7. mo__l hazard | <i>adj.</i> concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc. |
| 8. di_____ee with a plan | <i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc. |
| 9. in_____le stars | <i>adj.</i> impossible or nearly impossible to see |
| 10. imp_____ve performances | <i>adj.</i> arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill |
| 11. de_____e this prize | <i>v.</i> to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable |
| 12. make my pre_____ons | <i>n.</i> the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future |

ANSWERS: 1. confront, 2. terribly, 3. mess, 4. accurate, 5. interfere, 6. deadly, 7. moral, 8. disagree, 9. invisible, 10. impressive, 11. deserve, 12. prediction

13. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
14. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
15. lo_____l conclusion *adj.* characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason
16. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
17. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
18. cultural n___m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
19. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
20. a hut made tem_____ly *adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
21. a theoretical concept in
neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
22. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
23. sti_____on of the economy *n.* the act of arousing interest or activity in something; the action of providing a stimulus

ANSWERS: 13. innocent, 14. probable, 15. logical, 16. demonstrate, 17. innocent, 18. norm, 19. process, 20. temporarily, 21. neuroscience, 22. amazing, 23. stimulation

24. con_____on in the industry *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
25. dis_____ze the whole country *v.* to disrupt or destroy the systematic order or function of something
26. sp___e tax deduction *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
27. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
28. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
29. di___r from the majority *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
30. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
31. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
32. penny-a___e trade *n.* a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor
33. assume a per_____ve attitude *adj.* allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable
34. pa_____al bone *adj.* relating to or situated near the wall of a body cavity; of, relating to, or involving the walls or outer surfaces of an organ or structure

ANSWERS: 24. contraction, 25. disorganize, 26. spouse, 27. shift, 28. typical, 29. differ, 30. consequence, 31. chamber, 32. ante, 33. permissive, 34. parietal

35. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
36. the de_____nt's testimony *n.* a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law
37. excite the ne____ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
38. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
39. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
40. di____r according to species *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
41. major pa_____gm shift *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
42. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
43. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
44. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
45. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

ANSWERS: 35. hop, 36. defendant, 37. neuron, 38. abstract, 39. incredible, 40. differ, 41. paradigm, 42. abstract, 43. label, 44. concept, 45. equip

46. an emotional ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
47. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
48. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
49. ill_____ion artist *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
50. ex_____ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
51. suffer te_____ly *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
52. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
53. curry po____r *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
54. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
55. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
56. sp____e visa *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
57. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
58. developed sn_____ot *n.* an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly
59. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

ANSWERS: 46. judgment, 47. equip, 48. attempt, 49. illustration, 50. extended, 51. terribly, 52. criminal, 53. powder, 54. par, 55. probable, 56. spouse, 57. brilliant, 58. snapshot, 59. grace

60. sig_____nce level *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
61. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
62. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
63. sti_____on of the senses *n.* the act of arousing interest or activity in something; the action of providing a stimulus
64. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
65. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
66. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
67. un_____ly different *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
68. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 60. significance, 61. scan, 62. incredible, 63. stimulation, 64. judge, 65. relevance, 66. process, 67. uniquely, 68. assume

69. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
70. na_____y behavior *adj.* badly behaved; disobedient
71. 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
72. pe_____on building *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
73. rec_____er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
74. po____r additive *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
75. the imp_____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
76. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
77. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
78. vague no____n *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

ANSWERS: 69. cognitive, 70. naughty, 71. chant, 72. pentagon, 73. reconsider, 74. powder, 75. implication, 76. quarter, 77. scan, 78. notion

79. con_____ion of trial *n.* the act of carrying something on over time without interruption
80. po___n ivy *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
81. con_____on of a disease *n.* the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount
82. engineering und_____ate *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
83. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
84. ma_____ic field *adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel
85. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
86. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
87. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

ANSWERS: 79. continuation, 80. poison, 81. contraction, 82. undergraduate, 83. relevance, 84. magnetic, 85. torture, 86. observation, 87. aim

88. reduce s__g damage *n.* a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink
89. immune fu____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
90. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
91. ado_____nt girl *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
92. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
93. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
94. fight against the de___y disease *adj.* likely to cause or capable of causing death
95. ju_____on point *n.* a point where two or more things meet or come together, particularly roads, railways, or rivers; a place or time of joining or combining

ANSWERS: 88. slug, 89. function, 90. judge, 91. adolescent, 92. conscious, 93. brand, 94. deadly, 95. junction

96. uns_____ing success *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
97. detailed exp_____on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
98. sk__l fracture *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
99. equilateral pe_____on *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
100. take a sn_____ot *n.* an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly
101. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
102. have a thick sk__l *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
103. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
104. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
105. pu__e waves *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

ANSWERS: 96. unsurprising, 97. explanation, 98. skull, 99. pentagon, 100. snapshot, 101. norm, 102. skull, 103. assume, 104. lab, 105. pulse

106. br_____nt performance	<i>adj.</i> extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
107. injury in a car ac_____nt	<i>n.</i> an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
108. pr_____t the future	<i>v.</i> to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
109. ap_____d physics	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way
110. no____n of success	<i>n.</i> a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
111. bl__e the lack of knowledge	<i>v.</i> to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
112. spe_____ed knowledge	<i>adj.</i> possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or intended for a particular purpose or function
113. in_____or decoration	<i>n.</i> the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
114. bl__e circumstances for the failure	<i>v.</i> to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
115. ac_____te a receptor	<i>v.</i> make something start working, more active or dynamic

ANSWERS: 106. brilliant, 107. accident, 108. predict, 109. applied, 110. notion, 111. blame, 112. specialized, 113. interior, 114. blame, 115. activate

116. ap____d research *adj.* of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way
117. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
118. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
119. improve co_____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
120. ex_____ed payment *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
121. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
122. dis_____zed the party *v.* to disrupt or destroy the systematic order or function of something
123. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
124. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
125. the imp_____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
126. follow his rec_____ions *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

ANSWERS: 116. applied, 117. lab, 118. discovery, 119. cognitive, 120. extended, 121. moral, 122. disorganize, 123. chamber, 124. decide, 125. implication, 126. recommendation

127. pa____al cortex *adj.* relating to or situated near the wall of a body cavity; of, relating to, or involving the walls or outer surfaces of an organ or structure
128. ne____n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
129. sur____ous glance *adj.* kept secret or done in a way that avoids attention, often because it is seen as dishonest or inappropriate
130. j__y duty *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
131. a reckless at____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
132. cause an ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
133. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
134. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
135. j__y verdict *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

ANSWERS: 127. parietal, 128. neuron, 129. surreptitious, 130. jury, 131. attempt, 132. accident, 133. brain, 134. shift, 135. jury

136. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
137. a con_____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
138. human re_____s *n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
139. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
140. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
141. a ch_____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
142. 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
143. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
144. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
145. educational ill_____ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

ANSWERS: 136. discovery, 137. convincing, 138. remains, 139. prediction, 140. conscious, 141. chemical, 142. chant, 143. neuroscience, 144. brain, 145. illustration

146. mystical sig_____nce *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
147. uns_____ing result *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
148. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
149. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
150. main c__x *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
151. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
152. en_____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
153. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
154. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
155. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 146. significance, 147. unsurprising, 148. novel, 149. obvious, 150. crux, 151. typical, 152. envision, 153. brand, 154. envision, 155. develop

156. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
157. re____s of a building *n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
158. play a un____ly important role *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
159. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
160. lazy s__g *n.* a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink
161. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
162. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
163. up the a__e *n.* a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor

ANSWERS: 156. decide, 157. remains, 158. uniquely, 159. puzzle, 160. slug, 161. observation, 162. grace, 163. ante

164. ac_____te a motor	<i>v.</i> make something start working, more active or dynamic
165. inv_____ry muscles	<i>adj.</i> acting or done without or against one's will
166. unintended con_____ces	<i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
167. in_____re with DNA synthesis	<i>v.</i> to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
168. ob_____s reasons	<i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand
169. plenty of in_____or space	<i>n.</i> the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
170. since ch_____od	<i>n.</i> the state or time of being a child
171. lo_____l reasoning	<i>adj.</i> characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason
172. learn new co_____ts	<i>n.</i> an idea or principle associated with something abstract
173. tem_____ly suspend the production	<i>adv.</i> for a limited time only or not permanently
174. design to be dis_____ve	<i>adj.</i> having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
175. na_____y book	<i>adj.</i> badly behaved; disobedient
176. above p_r performance	<i>n.</i> a state of being equal to someone or something
177. absolutely fa_____ic event	<i>adj.</i> extremely good; excellent

ANSWERS: 164. activate, 165. involuntary, 166. consequence, 167. interfere, 168. obvious, 169. interior, 170. childhood, 171. logical, 172. concept, 173. temporarily, 174. distinctive, 175. naughty, 176. par, 177. fantastic

178. an id_____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
179. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
180. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
181. a letter of rec_____ion *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
182. id_____st at heart *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
183. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
184. con_____ion ceremony *n.* the act of carrying something on over time without interruption
185. al_____ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
186. pre-ado_____nt children *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

ANSWERS: 178. idealist, 179. impressive, 180. generation, 181. recommendation, 182. idealist, 183. torture, 184. continuation, 185. alarming, 186. adolescent

187. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
188. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
189. a ma_____ic tape *adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel
190. spe_____ed equipment *adj.* possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or intended for a particular purpose or function
191. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
192. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 187. puzzle, 188. operate, 189. magnetic, 190. specialized, 191. develop, 192. function

193. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
194. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
195. the c__x of the argument *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
196. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
197. ch_____od development *n.* the state or time of being a child
198. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
199. und_____ate course *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
200. wanted cr_____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
201. inv_____ry manslaughter *adj.* acting or done without or against one's will
202. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
203. po___n bilateral relations *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

ANSWERS: 193. philosophy, 194. aim, 195. crux, 196. novel, 197. childhood, 198. fantastic, 199. undergraduate, 200. criminal, 201. involuntary, 202. disagree, 203. poison

204. de_____nt in court *n.* a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law
205. a weak pu__e *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
206. al_____ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
207. the exp_____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
208. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
209. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
210. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
211. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
212. ju_____on box *n.* a point where two or more things meet or come together, particularly roads, railways, or rivers; a place or time of joining or combining

ANSWERS: 204. defendant, 205. pulse, 206. alarming, 207. explanation, 208. judgment, 209. amazing, 210. deserve, 211. introduction, 212. junction

213. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
214. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
215. con_____ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
216. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
217. video pi___e *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
218. rec_____er the determination *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
219. pi___e treasure *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
220. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
221. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
222. per_____ve society *adj.* allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable
223. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
224. sur_____ous meeting *adj.* kept secret or done in a way that avoids attention, often because it is seen as dishonest or inappropriate

ANSWERS: 213. philosophy, 214. mess, 215. convincing, 216. operate, 217. pirate, 218. reconsider, 219. pirate, 220. invisible, 221. demonstrate, 222. permissive, 223. hop, 224. surreptitious

225. provide ac____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
226. pr____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
227. toxic ch____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
228. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
229. a qu____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
230. cultural pa____gm *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
231. dis____ve ability *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
232. self-int____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
233. co____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
234. gen____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 225. accurate, 226. predict, 227. chemical, 228. label, 229. quarter, 230. paradigm, 231. distinctive, 232. introduction, 233. confront, 234. generation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent

2. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.
adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

3. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

4. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

5. The hospital has many _____ departments, including cardiology and oncology.
adj. possessing or relating to specific knowledge or skills that are unique to a particular field or task; designed or intended for a particular purpose or function

6. We ____ for an overseas expansion.
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

7. The _____ between these two roads is a common site of traffic accidents.
n. a point where two or more things meet or come together, particularly roads, railways, or rivers; a place or time of joining or combining

ANSWERS: 1. fantastic, 2. chemical, 3. process, 4. equipped, 5. specialized, 6. aim, 7. junction

8. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
9. I spotted a giant _____ in the rain garden.
n. a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink
10. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
11. The _____ captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.
n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
12. Military technology eventually became the foundation for _____ technology that supported people's lives.
adj. of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way
13. He postulated a completely different _____ to explain all these phenomena.
n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
14. The _____ in the book helped me understand the concept better.
n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
15. The child was being _____ and would not listen to his mother.
adj. badly behaved; disobedient

ANSWERS: 8. novel, 9. slug, 10. norms, 11. pirate, 12. applied, 13. paradigm, 14. illustration, 15. naughty

16. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.
adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
17. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
18. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
19. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.
n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
20. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
21. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 16. abstract, 17. relevance, 18. judge, 19. explanation, 20. brand, 21. function

22. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's ____.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
23. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
- adj.* correct and exact in all details
24. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
25. The painter focused on the moody _____ of abandoned buildings in his work.
- n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
26. The drug's side effects can include _____ loss of urine.
- adj.* acting or done without or against one's will
27. There were framed _____ of family and friends in her room.
- n.* an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly
28. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
- n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
29. The _____ of certain chemicals activates the brain's reward system.
- n.* the act of arousing interest or activity in something; the action of providing a stimulus
30. He made a frightful _____ in his room.
- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

ANSWERS: 22. lab, 23. accurate, 24. consequences, 25. interiors, 26. involuntary, 27. snapshots, 28. label, 29. stimulation, 30. mess

31. The _____ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

32. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

33. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

34. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

35. The _____ of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

36. The _____ outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

37. His arm was swollen and _____ red.

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much

38. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

ANSWERS: 31. extended, 32. quarter, 33. chambers, 34. assumes, 35. crux, 36. unsurprising, 37. terribly, 38. judgments

39. The thief made a _____ escape from the scene of the crime.

adj. kept secret or done in a way that avoids attention, often because it is seen as dishonest or inappropriate

40. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

41. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

42. He humbly _____ his conduct.

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

43. His writing style was _____ with a clear and concise voice.

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

44. The _____ lobe of the brain is responsible for processing sensory information.

adj. relating to or situated near the wall of a body cavity; of, relating to, or involving the walls or outer surfaces of an organ or structure

45. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

46. His betrayal _____ the company completely.

v. to disrupt or destroy the systematic order or function of something

ANSWERS: 39. surreptitious, 40. grace, 41. typical, 42. reconsidered, 43. distinctive, 44. parietal, 45. observation, 46. disorganized

47. The two products _____ in their quality and price.

v. to be not like someone or something in some way

48. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

49. His poem has a very significant _____.

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

50. The present economic policy is a _____ of the preceding one.

n. the act of carrying something on over time without interruption

51. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

52. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal _____ at that historic site.

n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

53. The mathematical equation had a _____ solution that was easy to follow.

adj. characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason

54. He became _____ that he was being followed.

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

55. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided _____.

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

ANSWERS: 47. differed, 48. moral, 49. implication, 50. continuation, 51. cognitive, 52. skull, 53. logical, 54. conscious, 55. pentagon

56. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

57. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

58. We need to raise the _____ to win this poker game.

n. a mandatory bet or contribution made by all players in a game of cards or gambling as a prerequisite for participation; any initial or essential action or investment required for a particular endeavor

59. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

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

60. I found her assertion pretty _____.

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

61. The _____ of the ancient civilization can still be seen in the city's ruins.

n. the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal

62. Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size _____.

adv. for a limited time only or not permanently

63. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.

n. a person who has committed a crime

64. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 56. disagree, 57. impressive, 58. ante, 59. accident, 60. convincing, 61. remains, 62. temporarily, 63. criminal, 64. hopped

65. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

66. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite _____.

adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

67. The judge instructed the _____ on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.

n. a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

68. Ethics is a branch of _____.

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

69. The plant's leaves contain a deadly _____ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.

n. a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

70. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

71. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 65. amazing, 66. alarming, 67. jury, 68. philosophy, 69. poison, 70. brilliant, 71. puzzle

72. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

73. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

74. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

75. These results muddied the _____.

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

76. We cannot _____ her as President.

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

77. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

78. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your _____.

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

79. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

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

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

ANSWERS: 72. shift, 73. concept, 74. innocent, 75. prediction, 76. envision, 77. blamed, 78. pulse, 79. demonstrate, 80. decide

81. The _____ of the economy has led to job losses.

n. the act or process of becoming smaller or shorter in size, volume, or amount

82. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

83. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

84. The third _____ was far more successful.

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

85. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

86. The school has a _____ dress code and allows students to wear whatever they want.

adj. allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable

87. The painting is _____ painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.

adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others

88. The class was composed of both _____ and graduate students.

n. a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 81. contraction, 82. invisible, 83. probable, 84. attempt, 85. par, 86. permissive, 87. uniquely, 88. undergraduate, 89. obvious

90. Timely education about birth control might help reduce _____ pregnancies.
n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
91. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.
v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
92. The members of religious organizations released _____ poisonous gas on a subway train.
adj. likely to cause or capable of causing death
93. The _____ of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.
n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
94. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
95. The _____ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.
n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
96. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
97. He had fond memories of his _____ spent playing in the park with his friends.
n. the state or time of being a child

ANSWERS: 90. adolescent, 91. scanned, 92. deadly, 93. spouse, 94. generation, 95. notion, 96. deserved, 97. childhood

98. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.

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

99. We made a _____ to the client.

n. an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

100. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

101. As a dedicated _____ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

102. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

103. The _____ of his discovery cannot be overstated.

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

104. The _____ lawyer argued that his client was not responsible for the crime.

n. a person or party who is accused of a crime or who is being sued in a court of law

ANSWERS: 98. operate, 99. recommendation, 100. neuroscience, 101. idealist, 102. neuron, 103. significance, 104. defendant's

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

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

106. The _____ force of the earth keeps our planet spinning.

- adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel

107. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

108. Your talking _____ with my work.

- v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

109. She used a _____ brush to apply her foundation evenly.

- n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles

110. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.

- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

111. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

112. Her research team made an important _____.

- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 105. brain, 106. magnetic, 107. develop, 108. interferes, 109. powder, 110. torture, 111. incredible, 112. discovery

113. 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

114. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

115. You must _____ the software with a 16-digit key before you can use it.

- v.* make something start working, more active or dynamic

116. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

117. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

- v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

ANSWERS: 113. chant, 114. introduction, 115. activate, 116. predict, 117. confront