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Session 1: Word List

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

artisan

n. a skilled craftsperson or worker who produces handmade or traditionally crafted items, often using specialized tools or techniques; someone who is skilled in a particular trade or craft

synonym: craftsperson, hand crafter, maker

(1) **artisan** bakery, (2) talented **artisan**

She is known in the community as a skilled **artisan** in pottery.

cocoa

n. a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made

(1) **cocoa** powder, (2) **cocoa** butter

The culinary class learned how to make homemade **cocoa** mix from scratch.

plantation

n. a large farm or estate, typically in a tropical or subtropical country, used for growing cash crops

synonym : estate, farm, manor

(1) a rubber **plantation**, (2) **plantation** house

The former **plantation** owner struggled to adjust to life without the enslaved people that once worked for him.

heparin

n. an anticoagulant drug used to prevent blood clots; often used during surgical procedures or in the treatment of blood clotting disorders

synonym : blood thinner, anticoagulant, clot preventer

(1) **heparin** therapy, (2) **heparin** injection

The doctor prescribed **heparin** to prevent blood clots in the patient's legs.

intestine

n. a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products

synonym : gut, bowel, tract

(1) large **intestine**, (2) **intestine** wall

The small **intestine** is responsible for absorbing most of the nutrients from food.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

rogue

n. a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly

synonym : baddie, con artist, crook

(1) a **rogue** detective, (2) **rogue** state

The president states emphatically that the opponent country is a **rogue** state that supports terrorism.

deregulation

n. the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

synonym : liberalization

(1) **deregulation** of the economy, (2) aviation **deregulation**

The government's **deregulation** of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym : sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

sweatshop

n. a factory or workshop where workers are employed at very low wages and under poor conditions, often characterized by long hours, low pay, and hazardous working conditions

(1) **sweatshop** conditions, (2) **sweatshop** labor

Activists have been pushing for legislation to ban the use of **sweatshops** in the garment industry.

squeak

v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

synonym : squeal, whine, creak

(1) **squeak** out a few words, (2) mice **squeak**

The door **squeaked** when I opened it.

relocate

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

synonym : emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job

The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

slaughterhouse

n. (also "abattoir") a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat

synonym : abattoir, meatpacking plant, butcher shop

(1) **slaughterhouse** operation, (2) **slaughterhouse** facility
The smell of the **slaughterhouse** made him feel sick to his stomach.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego
We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym: crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse
Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments
He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use
The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**
The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

steppe

n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

synonym: prairie, savannah, grassland

(1) **steppe** climate, (2) barren **steppe**

The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast **steppe**.

parochial

adj. related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

synonym: narrow-minded, insular, provincial

(1) **parochial** views, (2) **parochial** community

The **parochial** attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.

subordinate

adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

synonym: inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

convene

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

synonym: assemble, gather, summon

(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council

The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

persuasive

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

synonym : convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

deride

v. to ridicule or mock someone or something, often contemptuously or scornfully; to criticize or attack severely

synonym : mock, ridicule, scorn

(1) **deride** the loser, (2) **deride** his opinion

She knew he would **deride** her for her unconventional beliefs, but she shared them anyway.

bankrupt

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

synonym : insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

transnational

adj. relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

synonym : international, global, cross-border

(1) **transnational** migration, (2) **transnational** crime

The company operates as a **transnational** corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.

recrimination

n. the act of accusing someone who has accused you; a countercharge or retaliatory accusation made against an accuser

synonym: blame, accusation

(1) mutual **recrimination**, (2) exchange of **recrimination**

After the project failed, there were **recriminations** from all sides, blaming each other for the mistakes.

disbelief

n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

synonym: doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.

enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

comeback

n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

synonym: return, resurgence, revival

(1) political **comeback**, (2) career **comeback**

The musician made an impressive **comeback** with their latest album.

stopgap

n. something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable

synonym: impromptu, make-do, expedient

(1) a **stopgap** budget, (2) **stopgap** remedy

He had no choice but to adopt a **stopgap** measure because of his limited budget.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

swine

n. a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat

synonym : pig, hog, porker

(1) **swine** flu, (2) **swine** industry

The farmer raises **swine** on his farm for the market.

marshal

n. a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

synonym : general, commander, organizer

(1) **marshal** the books into their proper places, (2) deputy **marshal**

The event organizer appointed a professional **marshal** to manage the flow of traffic.

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.

numb

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

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind
My left arm became **numb**.

viol *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music
The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

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.

slum *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
synonym : shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers
The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

flashy *adj.* attractive or impressive by being bright, expensive, large, etc.; (used especially of clothes) marked by conspicuous display
synonym : gaudy, ostentatious, dazzling

(1) **flashy** cars, (2) **flashy** graphics
I want to buy a reliable car rather than a **flashy** one.

Session 2: Spelling

1. s__m area
n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
2. career tra_____ry
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
3. large in_____ne
n. a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products
4. for ov_____a use
adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
5. a rubber pla_____on
n. a large farm or estate, typically in a tropical or subtropical country, used for growing cash crops
6. per_____ve speaker
adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
7. de___e the loser
v. to ridicule or mock someone or something, often contemptuously or scornfully; to criticize or attack severely
8. ro___e state
n. a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
9. pla_____on house
n. a large farm or estate, typically in a tropical or subtropical country, used for growing cash crops

ANSWERS: 1. slum, 2. trajectory, 3. intestine, 4. oversea, 5. plantation, 6. persuasive, 7. deride, 8. rogue, 9. plantation

10. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
11. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
12. ask in di_____ef *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
13. sq___k out a few words *v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
14. de___e his opinion *v.* to ridicule or mock someone or something, often contemptuously or scornfully; to criticize or attack severely
15. career co_____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
16. br___e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
17. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
18. talented ar_____n *n.* a skilled craftsperson or worker who produces handmade or traditionally crafted items, often using specialized tools or techniques; someone who is skilled in a particular trade or craft

ANSWERS: 10. contaminate, 11. depress, 12. disbelief, 13. squeak, 14. deride, 15. comeback, 16. bribe, 17. supple, 18. artisan

19. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
20. di_____ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
21. st___e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
22. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
23. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
24. flu pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
25. ba____pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
26. barren st___e *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
27. st_____p remedy *n.* something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable

ANSWERS: 19. pandemic, 20. disbelief, 21. steppe, 22. creep, 23. contaminate, 24. pandemic, 25. bankrupt, 26. steppe, 27. stopgap

28. co__a butter *n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
29. ar_____n bakery *n.* a skilled craftsperson or worker who produces handmade or traditionally crafted items, often using specialized tools or techniques; someone who is skilled in a particular trade or craft
30. tra_____nal migration *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
31. fl___y graphics *adj.* attractive or impressive by being bright, expensive, large, etc.; (used especially of clothes) marked by conspicuous display
32. deputy ma_____l *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
33. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 28. cocoa, 29. artisan, 30. transnational, 31. flashy, 32. marshal, 33. medicinal

34. ov____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
35. a ro__e detective *n.* a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
36. sw__e flu *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
37. re____te a company *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
38. tra_____nal crime *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
39. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
40. mice sq___k *v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
41. co____e a press conference *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
42. sw_____op labor *n.* a factory or workshop where workers are employed at very low wages and under poor conditions, often characterized by long hours, low pay, and hazardous working conditions
43. en__t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

ANSWERS: 34. oversea, 35. rogue, 36. swine, 37. relocate, 38. transnational, 39. creep, 40. squeak, 41. convene, 42. sweatshop, 43. enlist

44. ma____l the books into their proper places *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
45. mutual rec_____ion *n.* the act of accusing someone who has accused you; a countercharge or retaliatory accusation made against an accuser
46. pa_____al community *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
47. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
48. seem like a da_____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
49. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
50. fl___y cars *adj.* attractive or impressive by being bright, expensive, large, etc.; (used especially of clothes) marked by conspicuous display

ANSWERS: 44. marshal, 45. recrimination, 46. parochial, 47. viol, 48. daunting, 49. mimic, 50. flashy

51. he____n injection *n.* an anticoagulant drug used to prevent blood clots; often used during surgical procedures or in the treatment of blood clotting disorders
52. sla_____use facility *n.* (also "abattoir") a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
53. sub_____te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
54. sub_____te role *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
55. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
56. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
57. a st_____p budget *n.* something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable
58. sla_____use operation *n.* (also "abattoir") a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
59. face the da_____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

ANSWERS: 51. heparin, 52. slaughterhouse, 53. subordinate, 54. subordinate, 55. medicinal, 56. bribe, 57. stopgap, 58. slaughterhouse, 59. daunting

60. pa_____al views *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
61. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
62. re_____te with a new job *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
63. sw_____op conditions *n.* a factory or workshop where workers are employed at very low wages and under poor conditions, often characterized by long hours, low pay, and hazardous working conditions
64. per_____ve advertising *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
65. the c__x of the argument *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
66. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
67. he_____n therapy *n.* an anticoagulant drug used to prevent blood clots; often used during surgical procedures or in the treatment of blood clotting disorders
68. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

ANSWERS: 60. parochial, 61. viol, 62. relocate, 63. sweatshop, 64. persuasive, 65. crux, 66. industrious, 67. heparin, 68. mimic

69. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
70. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
71. in_____ne wall *n.* a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products
72. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
73. financially ba_____pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
74. en____t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
75. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
76. co_____e the council *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
77. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
78. main c__x *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

ANSWERS: 69. industrious, 70. depress, 71. intestine, 72. numb, 73. bankrupt, 74. enlist, 75. slum, 76. convene, 77. numb, 78. crux

79. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
80. exchange of rec_____ion *n.* the act of accusing someone who has accused you; a countercharge or retaliatory accusation made against an accuser
81. co__a powder *n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
82. sw__e industry *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
83. aviation der_____ion *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
84. political co_____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
85. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
86. der_____ion of the economy *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

ANSWERS: 79. trajectory, 80. recrimination, 81. cocoa, 82. swine, 83. deregulation, 84. comeback, 85. supple, 86. deregulation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
2. After the project failed, there were _____ from all sides, blaming each other for the mistakes.
n. the act of accusing someone who has accused you; a countercharge or retaliatory accusation made against an accuser
3. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
4. His reaction was one of complete _____.
n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
5. The culinary class learned how to make homemade _____ mix from scratch.
n. a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
6. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. numb, 2. recriminations, 3. medicinal, 4. disbelief, 5. cocoa, 6. industrious, 7. daunting

8. She is known in the community as a skilled _____ in pottery.
- n.* a skilled craftsman or worker who produces handmade or traditionally crafted items, often using specialized tools or techniques; someone who is skilled in a particular trade or craft
9. The university _____ to campuses several miles away.
- v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
10. The door _____ when I opened it.
- v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
11. The musician made an impressive _____ with their latest album.
- n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
12. The event organizer appointed a professional _____ to manage the flow of traffic.
- n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
13. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.
- adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
14. The former _____ owner struggled to adjust to life without the enslaved people that once worked for him.
- n.* a large farm or estate, typically in a tropical or subtropical country, used for growing cash crops

ANSWERS: 8. artisan, 9. relocated, 10. squeaked, 11. comeback, 12. marshal, 13. oversea, 14. plantation

15. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.
v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
16. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
17. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
18. The smell of the _____ made him feel sick to his stomach.
n. (also "abattoir") a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
19. 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
20. He had no choice but to adopt a _____ measure because of his limited budget.
n. something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable
21. The government's _____ of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.
n. the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
22. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 15. enlist, 16. viol, 17. depressed, 18. slaughterhouse, 19. crux, 20. stopgap, 21. deregulation, 22. supple

23. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
- n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
24. The doctor prescribed _____ to prevent blood clots in the patient's legs.
- n.* an anticoagulant drug used to prevent blood clots; often used during surgical procedures or in the treatment of blood clotting disorders
25. The small _____ is responsible for absorbing most of the nutrients from food.
- n.* a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products
26. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
- n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
27. He made a _____ argument for the new policy.
- adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
28. The farmer raises _____ on his farm for the market.
- n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
29. The company operates as a _____ corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.
- adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
30. The _____ attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.
- adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

ANSWERS: 23. slums, 24. heparin, 25. intestine, 26. trajectory, 27. persuasive, 28.

swine, 29. transnational, 30. parochial

31. Unfortunately, the company went _____ and had to close its doors permanently.

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

32. Activists have been pushing for legislation to ban the use of _____ in the garment industry.

n. a factory or workshop where workers are employed at very low wages and under poor conditions, often characterized by long hours, low pay, and hazardous working conditions

33. The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast _____.

n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

34. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

35. The parliament will _____ at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

36. She knew he would _____ her for her unconventional beliefs, but she shared them anyway.

v. to ridicule or mock someone or something, often contemptuously or scornfully; to criticize or attack severely

37. The CEO's _____ employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

ANSWERS: 31. bankrupt, 32. sweatshops, 33. steppe, 34. pandemic, 35. convene, 36. deride, 37. subordinate

38. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
- v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
39. Aging _____ up slowly with time.
- v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
40. I want to buy a reliable car rather than a _____ one.
- adj. attractive or impressive by being bright, expensive, large, etc.; (used especially of clothes) marked by conspicuous display
41. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
- v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
42. The president states emphatically that the opponent country is a _____ state that supports terrorism.
- n. a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
43. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.
- v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

ANSWERS: 38. contaminate, 39. creeps, 40. flashy, 41. mimic, 42. rogue, 43. bribe