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Session 1: Word List

exhibition

n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

synonym: display, show, presentation

(1) a personal **exhibition**, (2) **exhibition** opening

The art museum is hosting an **exhibition** of contemporary paintings next month.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

artwork

n. the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

synonym: painting, picture, graphics

(1) ancient **artwork**, (2) **artwork** conservation

Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil **artwork** have been popular worldwide.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym: contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

synonym: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

traditionally

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

synonym: conventionally, commonly, generally

(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym: keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym: go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

scoff

v. to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly

synonym: mock, gibe, jeer

(1) **scoff** at a rumor, (2) **scoff** at the idea

We tend to **scoff** at the education, habits, and tastes of people from very different cultures.

simplicity

n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

synonym: easiness, plainness, modesty

(1) a life of **simplicity**, (2) refined **simplicity**

He liked the car because of the **simplicity** of the design.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or

something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

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

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

doom

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

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

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

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

critique

n. a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation

synonym : review, analysis, appraisal

(1) a **critique** of the social system, (2) devastating **critique**

Following the **critique** from the professor, students rewrite their essays and submit them for final evaluation.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym : epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

outward

adj. relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible

synonym : external, surface, exterior

(1) an **outward** journey, (2) **outward** cheerfulness

The **outward** appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym: exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe-**inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

outrage

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

synonym: indignation, fury, anger

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

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

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym: disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

reveal

v. to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible

synonym: disclose, unveil, expose

(1) **reveal** secrets, (2) **reveal** a plan

The detective carefully **revealed** the true identity of the murderer.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

parallel

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

synonym: aligned, side-by-side, similar

(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing

He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.

canvas

n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

(1) blank **canvas**, (2) oil on **canvas**

Life is a vast **canvas**; you should put as much paint on it as possible.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

kilter

n. a state of proper balance or adjustment, a state of good order or organization

synonym: balance, alignment, equilibrium

(1) off- **kilter**, (2) in good **kilter**

The door was out of **kilter** and wouldn't close properly.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something
synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle
The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

vibrate

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

synonym : oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger
During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym : explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

craquelure

n. a network of fine cracks that appear on the surface of paintings or other artworks, typically as a result of aging or deterioration of the paint or varnish layer

synonym : cracking, crackling, webbing

(1) artwork **craquelure**, (2) ceramic **craquelure**

The art restoration expert noticed extensive **craquelure** on the surface of the old painting, indicating age and damage.

fragment

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

synonym : piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**

The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym : stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

synonym : animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors

A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

fade

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

synonym : languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

emerald

adj. having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone

synonym : green, verdant, jade

(1) an **emerald** gem, (2) **emerald** ring

The **emerald** green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.

hint

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

synonym : clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym :

imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

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.

evident

adj. apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment

synonym: apparent, noticeable, obvious

(1) **evident** to all, (2) plainly **evident**

With **evident** joy, he signed his name.

vigorous

adj. characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought

synonym: energetic, robust, enthusiastic

(1) **vigorous** debate, (2) **vigorous** exercise

He conducts a **vigorous** workout routine to stay in shape.

brushstroke

n. the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal

synonym: stroke, line, mark

(1) artistic **brushstroke**, (2) a **brushstroke** of genius

The artist made a beautiful **brushstroke** on the canvas.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym: show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

multitude

n. a large number of things or people

synonym: mass, assembly, hive

(1) great **multitude**, (2) from a **multitude** of sources

This company is faced with a **multitude** of problems.

fingerprint

n. a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person

synonym: print, mark, impression

(1) **fingerprint** at a crime scene, (2) **fingerprint** identification

The police used a **fingerprint** scanner to identify the suspect.

ingrained

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

synonym: inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

literal

adj. adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or metaphorical meaning

synonym: exact, precise, accurate

(1) **literal** translation, (2) **literal** understanding

Her **literal** interpretation of the text caused her to miss the

deeper meaning behind the author's words.

texture

n. the feel or appearance of a surface or substance
synonym: surface, grain, consistency

(1) the **texture** of the skin, (2) the **texture** of octopus
We could sense the silk's lovely **texture**.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something
synonym: ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass
The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

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.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

arrival

n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
synonym: reaching, appearance, coming

(1) **arrival** and departure gate, (2) **arrival** at a conclusion
Weather forecasters are predicting the **arrival** of a heatwave.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
synonym: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart
The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

avant-garde

adj. relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions

synonym : innovative, experimental, unconventional

(1) **avant-garde** art, (2) **avant-garde** music

The artist's **avant-garde** approach to sculpture challenged conventional ideas of art.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym : spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

impressionism

n. a style of art and literature that seeks to capture the fleeting momentary sensations and impressions of perception rather than objective reality or formal structure

(1) **impressionism** movement, (2) **impressionism** style

The famous French painters Monet and Renoir were considered pioneers of **impressionism**.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym : consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

passe

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

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

futurist

n. a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

synonym : foreseer, prophet, fortune-teller

(1) **futurist** architecture, (2) **futurist** ideas

The radical **futurist** predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

synonym : degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

cubism

n. a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once

synonym : abstractionism, geometric art

(1) geometric **cubism**, (2) abstract **cubism**

Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque are two of the most famous **cubism** artists.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym : brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym: advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

cutting-edge

adj. being at the forefront of a particular field or development; (noun) the latest or most advanced stage in the development of a specific type of work or activity

synonym: state-of-the-art, innovative, advanced

(1) **cutting-edge** molecular biology, (2) **cutting-edge** design

The **cutting-edge** technology was revolutionary in its field.

irresistible

adj. impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling

synonym: resistless, overpowering, compelling

(1) **irresistible** charm, (2) **irresistible** force

The aroma of freshly baked cookies was **irresistible** to her.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

substance

n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

synonym: essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem

The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym: foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

objective

n. a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

synonym: goal, purpose, aim

(1) **objective** assessment, (2) financial **objective**

The study's main **objective** is to identify risk factors for heart disease.

departure

n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

synonym: leaving, exit, flight

(1) **departure** from tradition, (2) **departure** from the company

The **departure** time for the flight is 6:00 am.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

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.

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

synonym: streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process

Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

distortion

n. the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted

synonym: twist, deformity, misrepresentation

(1) **distortion** of the earth's surface, (2) horizontal

distortion

Her report was criticized as a gross **distortion** of the truth.

characterize

v. to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of

synonym: describe, depict, portray

(1) **characterize** the relationship, (2) **characterize** his work

Their love of discovery and exploration often **characterizes** the adventurous spirit of the explorer.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym: pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym: notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

deter

v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something

synonym: prevent, discourage, forestall

(1) **deter** aggression, (2) **deter** crime

The high fence was meant to **deter** intruders from entering the property.

essay

n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

synonym: paper, commentary, report

(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**

The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with software.

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.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

unproductive

adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results

synonym: fruitless, ineffective, idle

(1) in an **unproductive** manner, (2) **unproductive** industries

The negotiations between labor and management were **unproductive**.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym: socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym:

finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

socialist

adj. relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)

synonym : collectivist, communal, state-owned

(1) **socialist** regime, (2) **socialist** ideology

He is a progressive **socialist** and believes in the equal distribution of wealth.

realism

n. the attitude or behavior of accepting circumstances as they are and being prepared to deal with them accordingly; (in arts) the general attempt to depict subjects truthfully in different forms of the arts

synonym : verisimilitude, verismo, genuineness

(1) experiential **realism**, (2) have more **realism**

The invention of the camera changed the course of painting in pursuing **realism**.

enforce

v. to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation

synonym : execute, implement, administer

(1) **enforce** the law, (2) **enforce** a contract

Governments make rules, and police **enforce** them.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym : beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity

Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

heroic

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

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

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

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

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym : capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

subversive

adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

synonym : incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature

The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

- fig** *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
(1) **fig** marigold, (2) **fig** tree
He ate the dried **figs** he had preserved.
- peasant** *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
synonym: farmer, laborer, rustic
(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**
Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
- standing** *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
synonym: upright, vertical, (noun) position
(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**
The **standing** concert was packed with fans.
- robotic** *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
synonym: automated, mechanical, laborsaving
(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation
The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.
- barren** *adj.* unable to produce or sustain growth; lacking fertility; unproductive; lacking interest, excitement, or creativity; empty or desolate
synonym: sterile, infertile, unproductive
(1) **barren** wasteland, (2) **barren** desert
The desert is known for its **barren** terrain with no sign of vegetation.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
synonym: possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

glimmer

n. a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something

synonym: gleam, dazzle, hint

(1) without a **glimmer** of truth, (2) give a **glimmer** of light

There is however a **glimmer** of hope.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

disintegrate

v. break or cause to break into small fragments

synonym: shatter, crumble, break down

(1) **disintegrate** in an explosion, (2) **disintegrate** over time

The vase **disintegrated** into pieces when it fell to the ground.

mechanize

v. to equip with machinery or automatic equipment; to replace human labor with machines or automation in industry or other processes; to make a job or a procedure more systematic or efficient by the use of tools or technology

synonym: automate, motorize, robotize

(1) **mechanize** operations, (2) **mechanize** agriculture

The factory **mechanized** its production line to increase efficiency and reduce labor costs.

grip

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

synonym: grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

countryside

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

synonym : rural, rustic, pastoral

(1) **countryside** scenery, (2) **countryside** lifestyle

The small village in the **countryside** was perfect for a quiet getaway.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym : illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

quadrilateral

n. a flat shape or figure that has four sides and four angles

synonym : quadrangle, tetragon, four-sided figure

(1) convex **quadrilateral**, (2) irregular **quadrilateral**

The park has a **quadrilateral** layout that includes four distinct areas for recreation.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym : coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political

revolution

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym: shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**

Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym: sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym: obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

Session 2: Spelling

1. his social st_____ng
adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
2. en_____e a contract
v. to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
3. ro_____c arm
adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
4. a mea_____ss endeavor
adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose
5. ve__e of bankruptcy
n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
6. prophet of d__m
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
7. af___d a high travel cost
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
8. geometric cu___m
n. a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once
9. freedom of re_____on
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 1. standing, 2. enforce, 3. robotic, 4. meaningless, 5. verge, 6. doom, 7. afford, 8. cubism, 9. religion

10. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
11. a po____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
12. in_____ed prejudice *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
13. f__e in importance *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
14. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
15. high pu____y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
16. oc____y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
17. se____e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
18. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
19. oc____y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
20. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

ANSWERS: 10. hint, 11. portrait, 12. ingrained, 13. fade, 14. movement, 15. purity, 16. occupy, 17. severe, 18. surrounding, 19. occupy, 20. deem

21. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
22. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
23. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
24. an explosive su_____ce *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
25. cou_____de scenery *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
26. vi_____e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
27. ar_____l at a conclusion *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
28. tra_____lly accepted concept *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
29. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
30. sub_____ve elements *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

ANSWERS: 21. symbol, 22. afford, 23. religion, 24. substance, 25. countryside, 26. vibrate, 27. arrival, 28. traditionally, 29. plunge, 30. subversive

31. deadly pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
32. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
33. a life of sim_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
34. sc__f at a rumor *v.* to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly
35. em_____d ring *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
36. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
37. ceramic cra_____re *n.* a network of fine cracks that appear on the surface of paintings or other artworks, typically as a result of aging or deterioration of the paint or varnish layer
38. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
39. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
40. have more re_____m *n.* the attitude or behavior of accepting circumstances as they are and being prepared to deal with them accordingly; (in arts) the general attempt to depict subjects truthfully in different forms of the arts

ANSWERS: 31. plague, 32. confusion, 33. simplicity, 34. scoff, 35. emerald, 36. influence, 37. craquelure, 38. grip, 39. abstract, 40. realism

41. an em____d gem *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
42. a cr____ue of the social system *n.* a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation
43. from a mu____de of sources *n.* a large number of things or people
44. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
45. a pa____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
46. a political rev____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
47. plainly ev____t *adj.* apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment
48. a harbor of re____e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
49. pl____e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
50. visual me____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

ANSWERS: 41. emerald, 42. critique, 43. multitude, 44. writ, 45. parallel, 46. revolution, 47. evident, 48. refuge, 49. plunge, 50. metaphor

51. a gr_____l process
adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
52. so_____st ideology
adj. relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)
53. false cl__m
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
54. ce_____te Christmas
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
55. in_____ng stories
adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
56. irr_____ble charm
adj. impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
57. 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
58. co_____st party
adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
59. ce_____te his election
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 51. gradual, 52. socialist, 53. claim, 54. celebrate, 55. inspiring, 56. irresistible, 57. generation, 58. communist, 59. celebrate

60. cha_____ize the relationship *v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
61. de_____re from tradition *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
62. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
63. bu____n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
64. ou_____e over injustice *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
65. vi_____us exercise *adj.* characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought
66. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
67. de__r aggression *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
68. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
69. off-ki____r *n.* a state of proper balance or adjustment, a state of good order or organization

ANSWERS: 60. characterize, 61. departure, 62. critic, 63. burden, 64. outrage, 65. vigorous, 66. radical, 67. deter, 68. complicated, 69. kilter

70. unproductive industries *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
71. desert basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
72. mechanize agriculture *v.* to equip with machinery or automatic equipment; to replace human labor with machines or automation in industry or other processes; to make a job or a procedure more systematic or efficient by the use of tools or technology
73. countryside lifestyle *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
74. literal translation *adj.* adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or metaphorical meaning
75. reveal a plan *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
76. embedded systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
77. breakthrough in the negotiations *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
78. financial objective *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

ANSWERS: 70. unproductive, 71. desert, 72. mechanize, 73. countryside, 74. literal,

75. reveal, 76. embedded, 77. breakthrough, 78. objective

79. an____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
80. irregular qua_____ral *n.* a flat shape or figure that has four sides and four angles
81. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
82. ab___b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
83. without a gl_____r of truth *n.* a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something
84. in_____ed habit *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
85. oasis in the de___t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
86. pa___e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
87. an ar_____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
88. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
89. vi_____e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
90. f___e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

ANSWERS: 79. analyze, 80. quadrilateral, 81. revolution, 82. absorb, 83. glimmer, 84. ingrained, 85. desert, 86. passe, 87. artistic, 88. display, 89. vibrate, 90. fade

91. ex____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
92. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
93. du__y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
94. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
95. the te_____e of the skin *n.* the feel or appearance of a surface or substance
96. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
97. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
98. in an unp_____ive manner *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
99. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
100. enter on the last ph__e *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
101. f_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
102. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
103. po_____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

ANSWERS: 91. extreme, 92. controversial, 93. dusty, 94. par, 95. texture, 96. suffer, 97. eventually, 98. unproductive, 99. creative, 100. phase, 101. fig, 102. ultimate, 103. portrait

104. give a gl_____r of light *n.* a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something
105. so_____st regime *adj.* relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)
106. horizontal dis_____on *n.* the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted
107. a bru_____ke of genius *n.* the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal
108. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
109. du__y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
110. refined sim_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
111. vi_____us debate *adj.* characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought
112. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

ANSWERS: 104. glimmer, 105. socialist, 106. distortion, 107. brushstroke, 108. achieve, 109. dusty, 110. simplicity, 111. vigorous, 112. boundary

113. st____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
114. 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
115. ar____k conservation *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
116. at____d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
117. catch the pl____e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
118. he____c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
119. fu____st ideas *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
120. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

ANSWERS: 113. standing, 114. process, 115. artwork, 116. attend, 117. plague, 118. heroic, 119. futurist, 120. representation

121. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
122. ev____t to all *adj.* apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment
123. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
124. ab____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
125. the su____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
126. the te____e of octopus *n.* the feel or appearance of a surface or substance
127. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
128. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
129. ba___n desert *adj.* unable to produce or sustain growth; lacking fertility; unproductive; lacking interest, excitement, or creativity; empty or desolate
130. a personal exh____on *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
131. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command

ANSWERS: 121. alarm, 122. evident, 123. crack, 124. abandon, 125. supreme, 126. texture, 127. depict, 128. symbol, 129. barren, 130. exhibition, 131. writ

132. experiential re____m *n.* the attitude or behavior of accepting circumstances as they are and being prepared to deal with them accordingly; (in arts) the general attempt to depict subjects truthfully in different forms of the arts
133. f_g tree *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
134. dis_____ate in an explosion *v.* break or cause to break into small fragments
135. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
136. ancient ar____k *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
137. exploited pe____t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
138. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
139. irr_____ble force *adj.* impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
140. in good ki____r *n.* a state of proper balance or adjustment, a state of good order or organization
141. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
142. convex qua_____ral *n.* a flat shape or figure that has four sides and four angles
143. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose

ANSWERS: 132. realism, 133. fig, 134. disintegrate, 135. deem, 136. artwork, 137. peasant, 138. extreme, 139. irresistible, 140. kilter, 141. slightly, 142. quadrilateral, 143. meaningless

144. su_____ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
145. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
146. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
147. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
148. sc__f at the idea *v.* to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly
149. cut_____dge design *adj.* being at the forefront of a particular field or development; (noun) the latest or most advanced stage in the development of a specific type of work or activity
150. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
151. co_____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
152. de____t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
153. awe-in_____ng sight *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

ANSWERS: 144. substance, 145. abstract, 146. attend, 147. controversial, 148. scoff, 149. cutting-edge, 150. eventually, 151. communist, 152. depict, 153. inspiring

154. 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
155. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
156. geographical bo_____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
157. si_____fy my life *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
158. devastating cr_____ue *n.* a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation
159. imp_____ism style *n.* a style of art and literature that seeks to capture the fleeting momentary sensations and impressions of perception rather than objective reality or formal structure
160. great mu_____de *n.* a large number of things or people
161. fu_____st architecture *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

ANSWERS: 154. process, 155. hint, 156. boundary, 157. simplify, 158. critique, 159. impressionism, 160. multitude, 161. futurist

162. a broken fr____nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
163. blank ca____s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
164. re____n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
165. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
166. mo____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
167. tra_____lly sung at a banquet *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
168. pa____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
169. sw__l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
170. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
171. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
172. pe____t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

ANSWERS: 162. fragment, 163. canvas, 164. retain, 165. doom, 166. movement, 167. traditionally, 168. parallel, 169. swirl, 170. suffer, 171. achieve, 172. peasant

173. exh_____on opening *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
174. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
175. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
176. ava_____de music *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
177. an ou_____d journey *adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
178. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
179. oil on ca___s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
180. fin_____nt identification *n.* a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person
181. re___e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

ANSWERS: 173. exhibition, 174. divide, 175. influence, 176. avant-garde, 177. outward, 178. metaphor, 179. canvas, 180. fingerprint, 181. refuge

182. two-ph__e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
183. cultural and ar____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
184. re____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
185. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
186. dis_____on of the earth's surface *n.* the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted
187. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
188. sub_____ve literature *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
189. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
190. thoughtful es__y *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

ANSWERS: 182. phase, 183. artistic, 184. reserve, 185. severe, 186. distortion, 187. grip, 188. subversive, 189. generation, 190. essay

191. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
192. justice of the su_____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
193. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
194. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
195. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
196. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
197. artistic bru_____ke *n.* the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal
198. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
199. abstract cu___m *n.* a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once
200. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

ANSWERS: 191. absorb, 192. supreme, 193. gradual, 194. radical, 195. representation, 196. retain, 197. brushstroke, 198. analyze, 199. cubism, 200. display

201. dis_____ate over time *v.* break or cause to break into small fragments
202. en_____e the law *v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
203. public ou_____e *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
204. ar_____l and departure gate *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
205. variety of vi_____t colors *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
206. ar_____t the progress *v.* to take into custody
207. a he_____c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
208. cha_____ize his work *v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
209. a city vi_____t with life *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
210. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
211. ro_____c guide operation *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

ANSWERS: 201. disintegrate, 202. enforce, 203. outrage, 204. arrival, 205. vibrant, 206. arrest, 207. heroic, 208. characterize, 209. vibrant, 210. abandon, 211. robotic

212. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
213. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
214. ob_____ve assessment *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases
215. the degree of pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
216. carry a bu___n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
217. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
218. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

ANSWERS: 212. alarm, 213. par, 214. objective, 215. purity, 216. burden, 217. reserve, 218. icon

219. de_____re from the company *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
220. ar___t the thief *v.* to take into custody
221. si_____fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
222. bre_____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
223. fin_____nt at a crime scene *n.* a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person
224. ava_____de art *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
225. fr_____nt of a text *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
226. sw___l the wine *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
227. score the SAT es__ys *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
228. ba___n wasteland *adj.* unable to produce or sustain growth; lacking fertility; unproductive; lacking interest, excitement, or creativity; empty or desolate

ANSWERS: 219. departure, 220. arrest, 221. simplify, 222. breakthrough, 223. fingerprint, 224. avant-garde, 225. fragment, 226. swirl, 227. essay, 228. barren

229. in great co_____on
n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
230. increase sl_____ly
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
231. the ul_____te luxury
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
232. cr__k an eggshell
v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
233. re____l secrets
v. to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
234. di____e the cake into two pieces
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
235. LED-em_____ed glass
adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something
236. become increasingly com_____ed
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
237. imp_____ism movement
n. a style of art and literature that seeks to capture the fleeting momentary sensations and impressions of perception rather than objective reality or formal structure
238. me_____ze operations
v. to equip with machinery or automatic equipment; to replace human labor with machines or automation in industry or other processes; to make a job or a procedure more systematic or efficient by the use of tools or technology

ANSWERS: 229. confusion, 230. slightly, 231. ultimate, 232. crack, 233. reveal, 234. divide, 235. embedded, 236. complicated, 237. impressionism, 238. mechanize

239. ou____d cheerfulness *adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
240. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
241. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
242. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
243. cut____dge molecular biology *adj.* being at the forefront of a particular field or development; (noun) the latest or most advanced stage in the development of a specific type of work or activity
244. on the ve__e of tears *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
245. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
246. li____l understanding *adj.* adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or metaphorical meaning

ANSWERS: 239. outward, 240. claim, 241. critic, 242. creative, 243. cutting-edge, 244. verge, 245. icon, 246. literal

247. de__r crime *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
248. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
249. artwork cra_____re *n.* a network of fine cracks that appear on the surface of paintings or other artworks, typically as a result of aging or deterioration of the paint or varnish layer
250. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something

ANSWERS: 247. deter, 248. passe, 249. craquelure, 250. surrounding

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The artwork was criticized for its _____ theme that undermined religious beliefs.
adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
2. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
3. The Chief editor checks all _____ for plagiarism with software.
n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
4. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.
n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
5. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
6. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 1. subversive, 2. grip, 3. essays, 4. icons, 5. movement, 6. claim

7. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.
- n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
8. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.
- adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
9. The police used a _____ scanner to identify the suspect.
- n.* a unique pattern of ridges and valleys on the surface of a finger that can be used to identify a person
10. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
11. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.
- v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
12. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
13. The park has a _____ layout that includes four distinct areas for recreation.
- n.* a flat shape or figure that has four sides and four angles
14. The high fence was meant to _____ intruders from entering the property.
- v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something

ANSWERS: 7. portrait, 8. parallel, 9. fingerprint, 10. influence, 11. reserve, 12. revolution, 13. quadrilateral, 14. deter

15. The aroma of freshly baked cookies was _____ to her.
adj. impossible to resist or refuse; very attractive, appealing, or compelling
16. 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
17. The detective carefully _____ the true identity of the murderer.
v. to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
18. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.
adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
19. The _____ concert was packed with fans.
adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
20. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.
adj. highest in rank, level, or importance
21. The art restoration expert noticed extensive _____ on the surface of the old painting, indicating age and damage.
n. a network of fine cracks that appear on the surface of paintings or other artworks, typically as a result of aging or deterioration of the paint or varnish layer
22. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 15. irresistible, 16. generation, 17. revealed, 18. vibrant, 19. standing, 20. supreme, 21. craquelure, 22. achieve

23. Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil _____ have been popular worldwide.
- n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
24. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
25. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.
- n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
26. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
27. The _____ technology was revolutionary in its field.
- adj.* being at the forefront of a particular field or development; (noun) the latest or most advanced stage in the development of a specific type of work or activity
28. We could sense the silk's lovely _____.
- n.* the feel or appearance of a surface or substance
29. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.
- v.* to take into custody
30. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.
- v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
31. The invention of the camera changed the course of painting in pursuing _____.
- n.* the attitude or behavior of accepting circumstances as they are and being prepared to deal with them accordingly; (in arts) the general attempt to depict subjects truthfully in different forms of the arts

ANSWERS: 23. artwork, 24. suffers, 25. phase, 26. ultimate, 27. cutting-edge, 28. texture, 29. arrest, 30. occupy, 31. realism

32. The _____ appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.
adj. relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
33. Please _____ your explanation for the children.
v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
34. He ate the dried _____ he had preserved.
n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
35. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.
n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
36. The small village in the _____ was perfect for a quiet getaway.
n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
37. The artist's _____ approach to sculpture challenged conventional ideas of art.
adj. relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
38. The art museum is hosting an _____ of contemporary paintings next month.
n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
39. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 32. outward, 33. simplify, 34. figs, 35. alarm, 36. countryside, 37. avant-garde, 38. exhibition, 39. passe

40. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.
adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
41. There was no _____ of a problem.
n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
42. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
43. During the flight, the wings of the plane _____.
v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
44. There is however a _____ of hope.
n. a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something
45. 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
46. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
47. The study's main _____ is to identify risk factors for heart disease.
n. a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

ANSWERS: 40. inspiring, 41. hint, 42. retain, 43. vibrate, 44. glimmer, 45. process, 46. divide, 47. objective

48. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.
n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
49. Everyone was aware of the impending ____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
50. The chef expertly _____ the sauce onto the plate.
v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern
51. The artist made a beautiful _____ on the canvas.
n. the mark or stroke made by a painter's brush on a canvas or surface; a single movement or action toward a larger project or goal
52. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
n. a state of being equal to someone or something
53. The castle was _____ several years later.
v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
54. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.
adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
55. Life is a vast _____ you should put as much paint on it as possible.
n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

ANSWERS: 48. breakthroughs, 49. doom, 50. swirled, 51. brushstroke, 52. par, 53. abandoned, 54. severe, 55. canvas;

56. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

57. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of _____ debris.

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

58. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

59. Her report was criticized as a gross _____ of the truth.

n. the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted

60. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

61. The radical _____ predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

n. a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

62. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

63. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

ANSWERS: 56. afford, 57. dusty, 58. symbol, 59. distortion, 60. plague, 61. futurist, 62. plunged, 63. Traditionally,

64. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

65. That car has a low environmental _____.

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

66. The door was out of _____ and wouldn't close properly.

n. a state of proper balance or adjustment, a state of good order or organization

67. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

68. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

69. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

70. The negotiations between labor and management were _____.

adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results

71. The surgeon removed the tumor using _____ video assistance.

adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

72. With _____ joy, he signed his name.

adj. apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment

ANSWERS: 64. controversial, 65. burden, 66. kilter, 67. confusion, 68. religion, 69. crack, 70. unproductive, 71. robotic, 72. evident

73. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
74. Her fear of dogs was _____ after a traumatic experience in childhood.
adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
75. The desert is known for its _____ terrain with no sign of vegetation.
adj. unable to produce or sustain growth; lacking fertility; unproductive; lacking interest, excitement, or creativity; empty or desolate
76. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.
n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
77. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something
78. Governments make rules, and police _____ them.
v. to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
79. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
80. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.
adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
81. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

ANSWERS: 73. analyze, 74. ingrained, 75. barren, 76. refuge, 77. embedded, 78. enforce, 79. critics, 80. gradual, 81. display

82. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

83. 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

84. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

85. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

86. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

87. The _____ time for the flight is 6:00 am.

n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

88. Weather forecasters are predicting the _____ of a heatwave.

n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

89. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

ANSWERS: 82. communist, 83. abstract, 84. celebrated, 85. artistic, 86. representation, 87. departure, 88. arrival, 89. depicted

90. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.
n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
91. Following the _____ from the professor, students rewrite their essays and submit them for final evaluation.
n. a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation
92. This region is predominantly _____.
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
93. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.
n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
94. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
95. The _____ green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.
adj. having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
96. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
97. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

ANSWERS: 90. boundary, 91. critique, 92. desert, 93. metaphors, 94. writ, 95. emerald, 96. creative, 97. deemed

98. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
99. He liked the car because of the _____ of the design.
n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
100. There was widespread _____ over the government's handling of the situation.
n. an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
101. He conducts a _____ workout routine to stay in shape.
adj. characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought
102. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.
n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
103. Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque are two of the most famous _____ artists.
n. a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once
104. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
105. Her _____ interpretation of the text caused her to miss the deeper meaning behind the author's words.
adj. adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or metaphorical meaning

ANSWERS: 98. heroic, 99. simplicity, 100. outrage, 101. vigorous, 102. purity, 103. cubism, 104. eventually, 105. literal

106. He stood on the _____ of a major discovery.

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

107. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

108. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

109. The factory _____ its production line to increase efficiency and reduce labor costs.

v. to equip with machinery or automatic equipment; to replace human labor with machines or automation in industry or other processes; to make a job or a procedure more systematic or efficient by the use of tools or technology

110. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

111. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

112. The sponge _____ water well.

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

113. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

ANSWERS: 106. verge, 107. fade, 108. extreme, 109. mechanized, 110. complicated, 111. slightly, 112. absorbs, 113. radical

114. The _____ of the argument was well-presented.
- n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
115. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny _____ of pottery found at the dig site.
- n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
116. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a _____ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
- n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
117. He is a progressive _____ and believes in the equal distribution of wealth.
- adj.* relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)
118. This company is faced with a _____ of problems.
- n.* a large number of things or people
119. We must _____ to this matter.
- v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
120. Their love of discovery and exploration often _____ the adventurous spirit of the explorer.
- v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
121. The famous French painters Monet and Renoir were considered pioneers of _____.
- n.* a style of art and literature that seeks to capture the fleeting momentary sensations and impressions of perception rather than objective reality or formal structure

ANSWERS: 114. substance, 115. fragments, 116. peasant, 117. socialist, 118.

multitude, 119. attend, 120. characterizes, 121. impressionism

122. The vase _____ into pieces when it fell to the ground.

v. break or cause to break into small fragments

123. We tend to _____ at the education, habits, and tastes of people from very different cultures.

v. to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly

124. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

125. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

ANSWERS: 122. disintegrated, 123. scoff, 124. meaningless, 125. surrounding