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Session 1: Word List

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

inscription

n. a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

synonym: engraving, writing, script

(1) **inscription** on a plaque, (2) funerary **inscriptions**

The ancient coin had an **inscription** in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

equinox

n. either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide

synonym: solstice, equinoctial point

(1) autumn **equinox**, (2) **equinox** solstice

The vernal **equinox** marks the beginning of spring when day

and night are approximately equal in length.

bathe

v. to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air

synonym: cleanse, soak, immerse

(1) **bathe** in the sea, (2) **bathe** the baby

I always **bathe** my dog after she swims in the lake.

aft

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

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

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

waltz

n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

synonym: ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym : pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

numb

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

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

publicize

v. to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

synonym : advertise, promote, announce

(1) **publicize** event, (2) **publicize** research findings

The company hired a PR firm to **publicize** its new product.

ventral

adj. relating to or situated on or toward the belly or underside of an animal or organ; opposite of dorsal

synonym : abdominal, ventricose, stomachal

(1) **ventral** fin, (2) **ventral** hernia

The **ventral** side of the fish was beautifully colored.

integument

n. a tough outer covering, especially that of an animal or plant, such as a skin or shell

synonym : cover, envelope, skin

(1) **integument** layer, (2) insect **integument**

The outer **integument** protects the seed.

dopamine

n. a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

(1) **dopamine-inhibiting** agent, (2) antagonism of **dopamine**

The drug controls the level of **dopamine** in the brain.

stimulant

n. a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration

synonym: upper, energizer, booster

(1) memory **stimulant**, (2) prescription **stimulant**

Many athletes use **stimulants** like caffeine to boost their energy before a competition.

reptilian

adj. resembling or characteristic of reptiles, a diverse group of cold-blooded animals that are characterized by their scaly skin, internal fertilization, and typically laying eggs on land; cold-blooded; crafty or treacherous

synonym: serpentine, reptile-like, lizard-like

(1) **reptilian** behavior, (2) **reptilian** brain

The ancient Egyptians revered several **reptilian** deities, including the serpent goddess Wadjet.

craving

n. a strong desire of wanting something

synonym: desire, appetite, longing

(1) **craving** for revenge, (2) curb our **cravings**

I have a **craving** for nicotine.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

posse

n. a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

synonym : crew, gang, retinue

(1) **posse** member, (2) **posse** of citizens

My friends and I formed a **posse** to search for the lost hiker.

neuroscience

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

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

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

accumbens

n. (nucleus accumbens) an area of the brain located in the basal forebrain that has a significant role in the cognitive processing of motivation, aversion, reward

(1) nucleus **accumbens** neurons, (2) cells of the nucleus **accumbens**

Dopamine is released into the nucleus **accumbens**.

engulf

v. to swallow up; to surround and cover completely

synonym : swallow, submerge, inundate

(1) **engulf** the politician, (2) **engulf** in water

The fire quickly **engulfed** the entire building.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym : furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym : preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

platonic

adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

synonym : nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love

His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

homeostasis

n. the maintenance of stability or balance within an organism or system through various physiological processes that regulate internal conditions, such as temperature and pH

synonym : balance, equilibrium, stability

(1) cellular **homeostasis**, (2) **homeostasis** imbalance

The body's ability to maintain **homeostasis** is essential for survival in harsh environments.

imbalance

n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

synonym : inequality, asymmetry, instability

(1) trade **imbalance**, (2) symptoms of hormonal **imbalance**

An **imbalance** in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym : craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

obsessive

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

synonym : compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

crave

v. to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

synonym : desire, yearn, long for

(1) **crave** chocolate, (2) **crave** advice from others

She **craves** success and is always pushing herself to do better.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym : fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

relapse

n. the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement

synonym : degeneration, deterioration, retrogression

(1) biochemical **relapse**, (2) **relapse** prevention

He had a **relapse** because he was working through the night.

scruffy

adj. unkempt or shabby in appearance; scrappy or disreputable in behavior or attitude

synonym : unkempt, messy, shabby

(1) **scruffy** hair, (2) **scruffy** clothes

The old building had a **scruffy** exterior with chipped paint and broken windows.

picky

adj. overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences

synonym : fussy, choosy, particular

(1) **picky** personality, (2) **picky** about details
My **picky** eater only likes to eat certain types of vegetables.

ethology

n. the scientific study of animal behavior, particularly in their natural habitat and in relation to their evolutionary history and ecological environment

synonym: animal behavior, zoology

(1) **ethology** research, (2) **ethology** of animal communication

The study of **ethology** often involves observing animals in their natural habitats.

favoritism

n. the act of giving one person or group unfair support by someone in authority

synonym: bias, partiality, discrimination

(1) national **favoritism**, (2) act of **favoritism**

Their company survives due to political **favoritism**.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym: incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

socioeconomic

adj. relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

synonym: social, economic, financial

(1) **socioeconomic** status, (2) **socioeconomic** issues

The **socioeconomic** conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.

concoct

v. to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose

synonym: conceive, invent, cook up

(1) **concoct** a conspiracy, (2) **concoct** herbal medicines

They **concocted** a plot to discredit the local politician.

serotonin

n. a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory

(1) **serotonin** drug, (2) **serotonin** levels

The medicine works by boosting **serotonin** levels in the brain.

lug

v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

synonym: carry, haul, transport

(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room

He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

yesteryear

n. the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated

synonym: past, yesterday, bygone days

(1) **yesteryear** fashion, (2) **yesteryear** nostalgia

My grandparents love reminiscing about their favorite movies from **yesteryear**.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

swivel

- v. to rotate or turn around a fixed point or axis, often used to describe the action of a chair or other similar object that can rotate horizontally; (noun) a fastening device that allows the thing fastened to it to rotate or turn around freely

synonym: rotate, pivot, spin

(1) **swivel** 180 degrees around to face him, (2) **swivel** mechanism

I **swivel** my chair to face the window and enjoy the view.

cajole

- v. to persuade or coax someone through flattery, coaxing, or gentle pleading; to convince someone to do something by using sweet talk or deceptive promises

synonym: persuade, coax, wheedle

(1) **cajole** him into an agreement, (2) **cajole** a child into eating vegetables

He tried to **cajole** his little sister into sharing her toy with him.

reprimand

- v. to express severe disapproval of someone, typically in a formal statement or action; (noun) a rebuke or scolding given to someone, especially by an authority figure, for a mistake or misbehavior

synonym: rebuke, admonition, scolding

(1) **reprimand** me for staying out too late, (2) official **reprimand**

The teacher **reprimanded** the student for cheating on the test.

Session 2: Spelling

1. int_____nt layer *n.* a tough outer covering, especially that of an animal or plant, such as a skin or shell
2. sc_____y hair *adj.* unkempt or shabby in appearance; scrappy or disreputable in behavior or attitude
3. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
4. do_____ne-inhibiting agent *n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
5. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
6. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
7. soc_____mic issues *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
8. pl_____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

ANSWERS: 1. integument, 2. scruffy, 3. spoil, 4. dopamine, 5. fir, 6. hatch, 7. socioeconomic, 8. platonic

9. mo____er, she decided to go *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
10. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
11. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
12. cellular hom_____is *n.* the maintenance of stability or balance within an organism or system through various physiological processes that regulate internal conditions, such as temperature and pH
13. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
14. re_____nd me for staying out too late *v.* to express severe disapproval of someone, typically in a formal statement or action; (noun) a rebuke or scolding given to someone, especially by an authority figure, for a mistake or misbehavior
15. cr__e advice from others *v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
16. symptoms of hormonal im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
17. se_____in drug *n.* a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory

ANSWERS: 9. moreover, 10. neuroscience, 11. bury, 12. homeostasis, 13. hatch, 14. reprimand, 15. crave, 16. imbalance, 17. serotonin

18. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
19. sw___l 180 degrees around to face him *v.* to rotate or turn around a fixed point or axis, often used to describe the action of a chair or other similar object that can rotate horizontally; (noun) a fastening device that allows the thing fastened to it to rotate or turn around freely
20. pi__y personality *adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
21. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
22. yes_____ar nostalgia *n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
23. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
24. l_g a hose *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
25. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
26. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 18. numb, 19. swivel, 20. picky, 21. fir, 22. yesteryear, 23. aft, 24. lug, 25. obsession, 26. anthropology

27. co____t a conspiracy *v.* to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose
28. means to co____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
29. ob____ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
30. funerary ins____ons *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
31. trade im____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
32. I_g my son into a room *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
33. pu____ze event *v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
34. eq____x solstice *n.* either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide
35. et____gy research *n.* the scientific study of animal behavior, particularly in their natural habitat and in relation to their evolutionary history and ecological environment

ANSWERS: 27. concoct, 28. conserve, 29. obsessive, 30. inscription, 31. imbalance, 32. lug, 33. publicize, 34. equinox, 35. ethology

36. pl____ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
37. cells of the nucleus ac____ns *n.* (nucleus accumbens) an area of the brain located in the basal forebrain that has a significant role in the cognitive processing of motivation, aversion, reward
38. cr____g for revenge *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
39. but mo____er, they work well together *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
40. re____an behavior *adj.* resembling or characteristic of reptiles, a diverse group of cold-blooded animals that are characterized by their scaly skin, internal fertilization, and typically laying eggs on land; cold-blooded; crafty or treacherous
41. curb our cr____gs *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
42. on terms of in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
43. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
44. pi__y about details *adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences

ANSWERS: 36. platonic, 37. accumbens, 38. craving, 39. moreover, 40. reptilian, 41. craving, 42. intimacy, 43. numb, 44. picky

45. hom_____is imbalance *n.* the maintenance of stability or balance within an organism or system through various physiological processes that regulate internal conditions, such as temperature and pH
46. yes_____ar fashion *n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
47. memory st_____nt *n.* a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration
48. wa__z music *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
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neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

ANSWERS: 45. homeostasis, 46. yesteryear, 47. stimulant, 48. waltz, 49. proclaim, 50. concoct, 51. accumbens, 52. neuroscience

53. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
54. su_____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
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58. se_____in levels *n.* a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory
59. ve_____l hernia *adj.* relating to or situated on or toward the belly or underside of an animal or organ; opposite of dorsal
60. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
61. ba__e the baby *v.* to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air

ANSWERS: 53. obsession, 54. surpass, 55. distort, 56. equinox, 57. integument, 58. serotonin, 59. ventral, 60. distort, 61. bathe

62. en___f the politician *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
63. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
64. a burning th___t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
65. sw___l mechanism *v.* to rotate or turn around a fixed point or axis, often used to describe the action of a chair or other similar object that can rotate horizontally; (noun) a fastening device that allows the thing fastened to it to rotate or turn around freely
66. act of fav_____sm *n.* the act of giving one person or group unfair support by someone in authority
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69. ins_____on on a plaque *n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
70. biochemical re_____e *n.* the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement

ANSWERS: 62. engulf, 63. bury, 64. thirst, 65. swivel, 66. favoritism, 67. reprimand, 68. posse, 69. inscription, 70. relapse

71. cr__e chocolate *v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
72. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
73. re_____e prevention *n.* the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement
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ANSWERS: 71. crave, 72. opportune, 73. relapse, 74. spoil, 75. scruffy, 76. obsessive, 77. posse, 78. favoritism, 79. cajole

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ANSWERS: 80. aft, 81. ethology, 82. dopamine, 83. ventral, 84. stimulant, 85. conserve, 86. intimacy, 87. bathe, 88. thirst

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ANSWERS: 89. publicize, 90. opportune, 91. socioeconomic, 92. anthropology, 93. surpass, 94. engulf, 95. waltz, 96. proclaim, 97. cajole

98. re_____an brain

adj. resembling or characteristic of reptiles, a diverse group of cold-blooded animals that are characterized by their scaly skin, internal fertilization, and typically laying eggs on land; cold-blooded; crafty or treacherous

ANSWERS: 98. reptilian

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ side of the fish was beautifully colored.

adj. relating to or situated on or toward the belly or underside of an animal or organ; opposite of dorsal

2. He read books to quench his _____ for knowledge.

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

3. The athlete's record-breaking performance _____ all expectations.

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

4. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

5. I _____ my chair to face the window and enjoy the view.

v. to rotate or turn around a fixed point or axis, often used to describe the action of a chair or other similar object that can rotate horizontally; (noun) a fastening device that allows the thing fastened to it to rotate or turn around freely

6. I always _____ my dog after she swims in the lake.

v. to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air

7. She _____ success and is always pushing herself to do better.

v. to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

ANSWERS: 1. ventral, 2. thirst, 3. surpassed, 4. hatch, 5. swivel, 6. bathe, 7. craves

8. Their company survives due to political _____.
- n.* the act of giving one person or group unfair support by someone in authority
9. The teacher _____ the student for cheating on the test.
- v.* to express severe disapproval of someone, typically in a formal statement or action; (noun) a rebuke or scolding given to someone, especially by an authority figure, for a mistake or misbehavior
10. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
11. The body's ability to maintain _____ is essential for survival in harsh environments.
- n.* the maintenance of stability or balance within an organism or system through various physiological processes that regulate internal conditions, such as temperature and pH
12. The medicine works by boosting _____ levels in the brain.
- n.* a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory
13. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will _____.
- v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
14. The dancers practiced the steps of the _____ meticulously to perfect their performance.
- n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

ANSWERS: 8. favoritism, 9. reprimanded, 10. numb, 11. homeostasis, 12. serotonin, 13. spoil, 14. waltz

15. The old building had a _____ exterior with chipped paint and broken windows.
adj. unkempt or shabby in appearance; scrappy or disreputable in behavior or attitude
16. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
17. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.
n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
18. My _____ eater only likes to eat certain types of vegetables.
adj. overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
19. The ancient Egyptians revered several _____ deities, including the serpent goddess Wadjet.
adj. resembling or characteristic of reptiles, a diverse group of cold-blooded animals that are characterized by their scaly skin, internal fertilization, and typically laying eggs on land; cold-blooded; crafty or treacherous
20. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
21. Many athletes use _____ like caffeine to boost their energy before a competition.
n. a substance or drug that increases or heightens physiological or nervous system activity typically used to improve alertness, attention, or concentration

ANSWERS: 15. scruffy, 16. bury, 17. neuroscience, 18. picky, 19. reptilian, 20. anthropology, 21. stimulants

22. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

23. The study of _____ often involves observing animals in their natural habitats.

n. the scientific study of animal behavior, particularly in their natural habitat and in relation to their evolutionary history and ecological environment

24. The fire quickly _____ the entire building.

v. to swallow up; to surround and cover completely

25. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

26. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

27. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

28. Dopamine is released into the nucleus _____.

n. (nucleus accumbens) an area of the brain located in the basal forebrain that has a significant role in the cognitive processing of motivation, aversion, reward

29. The outer _____ protects the seed.

n. a tough outer covering, especially that of an animal or plant, such as a skin or shell

ANSWERS: 22. opportune, 23. ethology, 24. engulfed, 25. conserve, 26. distort, 27. intimacy, 28. accumbens, 29. integument

30. The vernal _____ marks the beginning of spring when day and night are approximately equal in length.
- n.* either of two times of the year, usually in March and September, when the sun crosses the celestial equator, resulting in equal amounts of daylight and darkness worldwide
31. The ancient coin had an _____ in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.
- n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
32. He tried to _____ his little sister into sharing her toy with him.
- v.* to persuade or coax someone through flattery, coaxing, or gentle pleading; to convince someone to do something by using sweet talk or deceptive promises
33. I have a _____ for nicotine.
- n.* a strong desire of wanting something
34. The company hired a PR firm to _____ its new product.
- v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
35. Her _____ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.
- adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
36. An _____ in certain substances causes problems with brain function.
- n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
37. My friends and I formed a _____ to search for the lost hiker.
- n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

ANSWERS: 30. equinox, 31. inscription, 32. cajole, 33. craving, 34. publicize, 35. obsessive, 36. imbalance, 37. posse

38. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
39. He had to ____ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.
v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
40. My grandparents love reminiscing about their favorite movies from _____.
n. the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
41. His relationship with her was completely _____.
adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
42. The smell of fresh ____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
43. The company is environmentally conscious, and _____ it uses sustainable materials in its products.
adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
44. The drug controls the level of _____ in the brain.
n. a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
45. They _____ a plot to discredit the local politician.
v. to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose

ANSWERS: 38. obsession, 39. lug, 40. yesteryear, 41. platonic, 42. fir, 43. moreover, 44. dopamine, 45. concocted

46. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

47. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

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

48. He had a _____ because he was working through the night.

n. the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement

49. The _____ conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.

adj. relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

ANSWERS: 46. proclaimed, 47. aft, 48. relapse, 49. socioeconomic