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Session 1: Word List

- gulf** *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
synonym: chasm, divide, abyss
(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream
The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
- psyche** *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
synonym: mind, soul, spirit
(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing
The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.
- dedicate** *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
synonym: consecrate, devote, commit
(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject
He **dedicated** his life to helping others.
- fascinate** *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

mutable

adj. liable or subject to change; changeable; capable of being changed or altered

synonym : variable, changeable, unstable

(1) **mutable** opinions, (2) **mutable** weather conditions

The **mutable** nature of technology means that it's constantly evolving and changing.

malleability

n. the ability to be easily shaped, bent, or stretched without breaking or losing its form or integrity; flexibility or adaptability

synonym : pliability, flexibility, adaptability

(1) physical **malleability**, (2) emotional **malleability**

The **malleability** of clay allows artists to shape and mold it into various forms.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

canary

n. a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine

(1) **canary** bird, (2) **canary** yellow

The **canary** in the coal mine was used as an early warning system for miners about dangerous gases.

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym : cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

alpine

adj. relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain

synonym : mountain, highland, elevated

(1) **alpine** region, (2) **alpine** plant

We went on an exhilarating **alpine** adventure, climbing steep mountain slopes and glaciers.

glacier

n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

synonym : iceberg, ice floe

(1) **glacier** retreat, (2) **glaciers** move tardily

The **glaciers** of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

iceberg

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym : glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

skeptic

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

synonym : doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

paleoclimate

n. the climate conditions that prevailed on Earth in the geological past, particularly before the existence of reliable weather records; the study of past climates and their variations

synonym : paleoenvironment, ancient climate

(1) **paleoclimate** record, (2) **paleoclimate** model

The sedimentary layers offer valuable **paleoclimate** evidence that helps reconstruct ancient temperature and weather patterns.

timelapse

n. a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly

(1) **timelapse** photography, (2) capture **timelapse** footage

The **timelapse** video beautifully captured the changing seasons over a year.

cautiously

adv. in a careful and controlled way, especially to avoid problems or danger

synonym: carefully, warily, prudently

(1) **cautiously** optimistic, (2) proceed **cautiously**

He **cautiously** approached the cliff's edge, aware of the dangers of falling.

bedrock

n. the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium

synonym: foundation, foundation stone, base

(1) **bedrock** foundation, (2) **bedrock** geology

The **bedrock** beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

thaw

v. to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly

synonym: melt, defrost, unfreeze

(1) **thaw** out a glacier, (2) **thaw** relations between countries

The sun was beginning to **thaw** the frozen ground.

lapse

n. a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended

synonym: break, failure, blunder

(1) **lapse** back into recession, (2) **lapse** in payment

I missed the deadline due to a **lapse** in my memory.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

hemisphere

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

emblazon

v. to inscribe or adorn something with a design or symbol; to make a conspicuous or impressive display of something

synonym: display, exhibit, showcase

(1) **emblazon** logo, (2) **emblazon** with pride

The company **emblazoned** its slogan on billboards across the city.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym : coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

remorse

n. a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done

synonym : guilt, anguish, regret

(1) **remorse** of conscience, (2) sincere **remorse**

I always remember that event with bitter **remorse**.

crux

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

synonym : heart, core, essence

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

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

calve

v. (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf

synonym : give birth, break off, splinter

(1) **calve** from the glacier, (2) **calve** early in the morning

As global temperatures rise, more icebergs **calve** off from the polar ice caps.

deflation

n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

synonym : contraction, recession, shrinkage

(1) anti- **deflation** policies, (2) **deflation** of the lung

The economy is experiencing severe **deflation**.

self-respect

n. a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
synonym : dignity, pride, self-esteem

(1) lacks a sense of **self-respect**, (2) wound his **self-respect**

Her failure resulted in a loss of her **self-respect**.

narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym : tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

outstrip

v. to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality

synonym : outdo, surpass, exceed

(1) **outstrip** competitors, (2) **outstrip** population growth

The company's sales have **outstripped** expectations for the quarter.

unhealthy

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym : unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit

Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym : allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym : invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

crevasse

n. a deep crack or fissure, especially in a glacier or the Earth's surface, often caused by stress or movement; a dangerous and treacherous gap or opening

synonym : crevice, fissure, gap

(1) fall into a **crevasse**, (2) dangerous **crevasse**

The mountaineer carefully crossed the glacier **crevasse** to continue climbing the icy peak.

springtime

n. the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather

synonym : spring, heyday, budtime

(1) **springtime** blooms, (2) **springtime** breeze

I love going for walks in the park during **springtime**.

terminus

n. the final or end point of a journey, route, or transportation line; a station, stop, or location where transportation lines or routes end or originate

synonym : end, destination, final stop

(1) the **terminus** of the flight, (2) railway **terminus**

The **terminus** of the hiking trail is a beautiful waterfall.

gallop

v. (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly

synonym : canter, race, bound

(1) **gallop** a horse, (2) **gallop** off at top speed

The horse **galloped** across the field at a fast pace.

dwarf

n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

synonym : midget, lilliputian, pygmy

(1) a potted **dwarf** tree, (2) a wise old **dwarf**

The **dwarf** planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym: bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

expanse

n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym: stretch, field, spread

(1) vast **expanse**, (2) large **expanses**

She looked over the immense **expanse** of the sea.

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. na____e an event
v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
2. physical mal____ity
n. the ability to be easily shaped, bent, or stretched without breaking or losing its form or integrity; flexibility or adaptability
3. de____te a chapter to the subject
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
4. syn____ze our watches
v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
5. em____on logo
v. to inscribe or adorn something with a design or symbol; to make a conspicuous or impressive display of something
6. dangerous cr____se
n. a deep crack or fissure, especially in a glacier or the Earth's surface, often caused by stress or movement; a dangerous and treacherous gap or opening
7. the te____us of the flight
n. the final or end point of a journey, route, or transportation line; a station, stop, or location where transportation lines or routes end or originate
8. ga____p a horse
v. (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly

ANSWERS: 1. narrate, 2. malleability, 3. dedicate, 4. synchronize, 5. emblazon, 6. crevasse, 7. terminus, 8. gallop

9. gl_____rs move tardily *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
10. so_____al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
11. be_____k foundation *n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
12. hit an ic_____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
13. spr_____me breeze *n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather
14. em_____on with pride *v.* to inscribe or adorn something with a design or symbol; to make a conspicuous or impressive display of something
15. ps___e healing *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
16. al___e region *adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain
17. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
18. deep ps___e *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
19. so_____al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
20. un_____hy habit *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

ANSWERS: 9. glacier, 10. societal, 11. bedrock, 12. iceberg, 13. springtime, 14. emblazon, 15. psyche, 16. alpine, 17. fascinate, 18. psyche, 19. societal, 20. unhealthy

21. ou____ip population growth *v.* to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality
22. mu____e opinions *adj.* liable or subject to change; changeable; capable of being changed or altered
23. ic____g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
24. pal____ate record *n.* the climate conditions that prevailed on Earth in the geological past, particularly before the existence of reliable weather records; the study of past climates and their variations
25. an un____n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
26. cau____ly optimistic *adv.* in a careful and controlled way, especially to avoid problems or danger
27. Se____e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
28. the nation's ca____l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
29. cerebral hem____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
30. ou____ip competitors *v.* to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality
31. the c__x of the argument *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
32. northern hem____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

ANSWERS: 21. outstrip, 22. mutable, 23. iceberg, 24. paleoclimate, 25. unseen, 26. cautiously, 27. Senate, 28. capitol, 29. hemisphere, 30. outstrip, 31. crux, 32. hemisphere

33. spr_____me blooms *n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather
34. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
35. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
36. high ar____c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
37. capture ti_____se footage *n.* a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly
38. an ingrained sk_____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
39. na_____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
40. a wise old dw__f *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
41. ca____y bird *n.* a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine

ANSWERS: 33. springtime, 34. gulf, 35. gulf, 36. arctic, 37. timelapse, 38. skeptic, 39. narrate, 40. dwarf, 41. canary

42. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
43. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
44. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
45. la__e in payment *n.* a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended
46. wound his sel_____ect *n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
47. lacks a sense of sel_____ect *n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
48. ca__e from the glacier *v.* (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf
49. anti-de_____on policies *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
50. al__e plant *adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain

ANSWERS: 42. obsess, 43. fascination, 44. opportune, 45. lapse, 46. self-respect, 47. self-respect, 48. calve, 49. deflation, 50. alpine

51. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
52. ti_____se photography *n.* a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly
53. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
54. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
55. rapt in fas_____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
56. proceed cau_____ly *adv.* in a careful and controlled way, especially to avoid problems or danger
57. ar___c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
58. la__e back into recession *n.* a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended
59. ga___p off at top speed *v.* (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly

ANSWERS: 51. obsess, 52. timelapse, 53. carve, 54. opportune, 55. fascination, 56. cautiously, 57. arctic, 58. lapse, 59. gallop

60. main c__x *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
61. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
62. mu____e weather conditions *adj.* liable or subject to change; changeable; capable of being changed or altered
63. Ca____l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
64. t__w out a glacier *v.* to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly
65. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
66. ca__e early in the morning *v.* (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf
67. re____e of conscience *n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
68. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
69. Se____e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
70. vast ex____e *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
71. climate sk____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

ANSWERS: 60. crux, 61. posit, 62. mutable, 63. capitol, 64. thaw, 65. posit, 66. calve, 67. remorse, 68. roar, 69. Senate, 70. expanse, 71. skeptic

72. a potted dw__f tree *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
73. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
74. sincere re_____e *n.* a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done
75. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
76. emotional mal_____ity *n.* the ability to be easily shaped, bent, or stretched without breaking or losing its form or integrity; flexibility or adaptability
77. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
78. railway te_____us *n.* the final or end point of a journey, route, or transportation line; a station, stop, or location where transportation lines or routes end or originate
79. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
80. fall into a cr_____se *n.* a deep crack or fissure, especially in a glacier or the Earth's surface, often caused by stress or movement; a dangerous and treacherous gap or opening
81. t__w relations between countries *v.* to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly

ANSWERS: 72. dwarf, 73. dedicate, 74. remorse, 75. fascinate, 76. malleability, 77. roar, 78. terminus, 79. carve, 80. crevasse, 81. thaw

82. pal_____ate model *n.* the climate conditions that prevailed on Earth in the geological past, particularly before the existence of reliable weather records; the study of past climates and their variations
83. un___n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
84. be_____k geology *n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
85. un_____hy diet *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
86. ca___y yellow *n.* a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine
87. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
88. large ex_____es *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
89. de_____on of the lung *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
90. gl_____r retreat *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

ANSWERS: 82. paleoclimate, 83. unseen, 84. bedrock, 85. unhealthy, 86. canary, 87. synchronize, 88. expanse, 89. deflation, 90. glacier

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. The _____ nature of technology means that it's constantly evolving and changing.
adj. liable or subject to change; changeable; capable of being changed or altered
3. I love going for walks in the park during _____.
n. the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather
4. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.
v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
5. He _____ his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
6. The _____ of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.
n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
7. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. mutable, 3. springtime, 4. narrate, 5. dedicated, 6. crux, 7. Senate

8. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.
adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
9. We went on an exhilarating _____ adventure, climbing steep mountain slopes and glaciers.
adj. relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain
10. I missed the deadline due to a _____ in my memory.
n. a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended
11. The horse _____ across the field at a fast pace.
v. (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly
12. The company _____ its slogan on billboards across the city.
v. to inscribe or adorn something with a design or symbol; to make a conspicuous or impressive display of something
13. The ship encountered a series of _____ and had to change its course.
n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
14. Her failure resulted in a loss of her _____.
n. a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
15. The _____ of the hiking trail is a beautiful waterfall.
n. the final or end point of a journey, route, or transportation line; a station, stop, or location where transportation lines or routes end or originate

ANSWERS: 8. arctic, 9. alpine, 10. lapse, 11. galloped, 12. emblazoned, 13. icebergs, 14. self-respect, 15. terminus

16. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
17. Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered _____.
adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
18. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her _____ and how to cope with her anxiety.
n. the human soul, mind, or spirit
19. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
adj. relating to society or social relationships
20. The sedimentary layers offer valuable _____ evidence that helps reconstruct ancient temperature and weather patterns.
n. the climate conditions that prevailed on Earth in the geological past, particularly before the existence of reliable weather records; the study of past climates and their variations
21. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
22. The _____ of the ice age have shaped Fjord.
n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
23. The consequences of the pandemic remain _____ as scientists continue to research the virus.
adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

ANSWERS: 16. obsessed, 17. unhealthy, 18. psyche, 19. societal, 20. paleoclimate, 21. Gulf, 22. glaciers, 23. unseen

24. The _____ in the coal mine was used as an early warning system for miners about dangerous gases.
- n.* a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine
25. He _____ approached the cliff's edge, aware of the dangers of falling.
- adv.* in a careful and controlled way, especially to avoid problems or danger
26. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
- v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
27. The _____ of clay allows artists to shape and mold it into various forms.
- n.* the ability to be easily shaped, bent, or stretched without breaking or losing its form or integrity; flexibility or adaptability
28. The _____ beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.
- n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
29. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
- v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
30. The mountaineer carefully crossed the glacier _____ to continue climbing the icy peak.
- n.* a deep crack or fissure, especially in a glacier or the Earth's surface, often caused by stress or movement; a dangerous and treacherous gap or opening
31. The magic tricks _____ the children.
- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 24. canary, 25. cautiously, 26. roared, 27. malleability, 28. bedrock, 29. synchronized, 30. crevasse, 31. fascinated

32. As global temperatures rise, more icebergs _____ off from the polar ice caps.
- v. (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf
33. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
- v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
34. I looked at the painting in _____.
- n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
35. The company's sales have _____ expectations for the quarter.
- v. to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality
36. The sun was beginning to _____ the frozen ground.
- v. to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly
37. The _____ planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.
- n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
38. The economy is experiencing severe _____.
- n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
39. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
- n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

ANSWERS: 32. calve, 33. posit, 34. fascination, 35. outstripped, 36. thaw, 37. dwarf, 38. deflation, 39. skeptic

40. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
41. She looked over the immense _____ of the sea.
n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
42. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.
n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
43. The _____ video beautifully captured the changing seasons over a year.
n. a technique in photography or cinematography where a series of images or frames are taken at set intervals and then played back at a faster speed to create the illusion of time moving quickly
44. This weather pattern is unique to the southern _____.
n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
45. I always remember that event with bitter _____.
n. a feeling of deep regret and sorry, usually for something you have done

ANSWERS: 40. carved, 41. expanse, 42. capitol, 43. timelapse, 44. hemisphere, 45. remorse