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Session 1: Word List

wary

adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

synonym : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym : entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

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.

perplexity

n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

synonym : confusion, bewilderment, uncertainty

(1) a **perplexity** issue, (2) resolve **perplexity**

The **perplexity** of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.

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.

intersect

v. to meet or cross one another

synonym: cross, bisect, cut

(1) **intersect** at a point, (2) railways **intersect** the country

Her multidisciplinary works **intersect** music and picture with writing.

Martian

adj. of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

(1) **Martian** geography, (2) **Martian** surface

There is very little water in the **Martian** atmosphere.

abdomen

n. the part of the body between the chest and pelvis that contains the stomach, intestines, liver, pancreas, and other organs; the posterior part of an insect's body, typically divided into segments

synonym: belly, gut, tummy

(1) **abdomen** pain, (2) insect **abdomen**

The weightlifter used his strong **abdomen** muscles to lift the heavy barbell.

slug

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

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

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

nudibranch

n. a marine gastropod mollusk without a shell and with conspicuous or brightly colored gills found typically in warm seas

synonym : nudi, sea slug, naked slug

(1) **nudibranch** species, (2) colorful **nudibranch**

The diet of **nudibranchs** often consists of small invertebrates such as sea anemones, hydroids, and sponges.

chloroplast

n. a type of membrane-bound organelle that conducts photosynthesis in plant and algal cells.

(1) **chloroplast** DNA, (2) **chloroplast** protein

Chloroplast membranes are incredibly vulnerable to damage by oxygen radicals produced as a byproduct of photochemistry.

algae

n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

scum

n. a layer of unwanted or unclean material that forms on the surface of a liquid or a solid, often containing dirt, oil, or other debris, also used figuratively to describe undesirable people or groups

synonym : dregs, slime, filth

(1) bathtub **scum**, (2) **scum** of the earth

The **scum** on the pond's surface made seeing the fish swimming below difficult.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym : mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

archaea

n. a group of single-celled microorganisms distinguished from bacteria by their unique cell wall structure and

biochemical characteristics, which are found in extreme environments such as hot springs and salt flats

synonym : microbe, microorganism

(1) **archaea** microorganism, (2) thermophile **archaea**

The study of **archaea** is important for understanding the origins of life on Earth

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

pore

n. a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively

synonym : stoma, foramen

(1) woody **pore** fungi, (2) **pore** over reference books

I was sweating at every **pore**.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym : universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

inert

adj. lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive

synonym : motionless, inactive, dormant

(1) **inert** gases, (2) **inert** ingredients

The rock was completely **inert** and didn't react when we tried to break it open.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym : invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

sociable

adj. being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others

synonym: friendly, outgoing, affable

(1) **sociable** gathering, (2) **sociable** atmosphere

She is a very **sociable** person who loves meeting new people.

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**.

tally

n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

synonym: count, record, score

(1) keep a **tally**, (2) **tally** sheet

Let's keep a **tally** of the votes to see who won the election.

depravity

n. moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior

synonym: corruption, wickedness, immorality

(1) **depravity** of human nature, (2) moral **depravity**

The **depravity** of the serial killer shocked the nation.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take

time and effort.

cladistic

adj. relating to a method of classification or analysis in biology that groups organisms based on their shared characteristics and evolutionary relationships; involving the classification of organisms into hierarchical groups called cladograms

synonym : phylogenetic, evolutionary, derived

(1) **cladistic** tree, (2) **cladistic** analysis

The **cladistic** classification system organizes species based on their evolutionary relationships.

punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

synonym : emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk

Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

sideline

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym : sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

cornet

n. a musical instrument similar to a trumpet but with a slightly mellower tone, typically used in brass bands or military ensembles; a sweet or frozen confectionery treat served in a cone-shape

synonym : trumpet, horn, bugle

(1) ice cream **cornet**, (2) **cornet** solo

The **cornet's** high-pitched notes perfectly contrast the trombone's low tones.

trilobite

n. a type of extinct arthropod that lived in the oceans of the Paleozoic Era, characterized by a three-lobed body shape and a hard exoskeleton

synonym : fossil, arthropod, ancient creature

(1) an intact **trilobite**, (2) **trilobite** specimen

The fossilized **trilobite** was over 500 million years old.

snail

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

synonym : escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

morphology

n. the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another

synonym : structure, form, anatomy

(1) **morphology** of a language, (2) cellular **morphology**

The **morphology** of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.

parentage

n. the identity, origin, or lineage of one's parents; the condition or fact of being someone's parent; ancestry or descent

synonym : lineage, heritage, ancestry

(1) royal **parentage**, (2) unknown **parentage**

Her prestigious **parentage** opened doors for her in the entertainment industry.

extinct

adj. no longer in existence

synonym : dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

resurrect

v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again

synonym : revive, bring back, bring to life

(1) **resurrect** the dead, (2) **resurrect** an argument

They tried to **resurrect** the ancient tradition.

plow

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym : plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

guinea

n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

synonym : coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

ax

n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

synonym : hatchet, chopper, tomahawk

(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox

He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

trajectory

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

synonym: course, curve, orbit

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

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

prophecy

v. to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns

synonym: predict, foretell, prophesize

(1) **prophecy** doom, (2) **prophecy** success

The famous author was able to **prophecy** technological advancements that were beyond the imagination of his time.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym: condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

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.

zillion

n. an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity

synonym: countless, myriad

(1) a **zillion** photos of my childhood, (2) **zillion** possibilities
The company received a **zillion** complaints about their faulty product.

deforestation

n. the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

synonym: clear-cutting, desertification

(1) **deforestation** of the tropics, (2) the lowest **deforestation** rate

Large-scale **deforestation** also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

recursion

n. the process of repeating or looping through a set of instructions or functions within another function, often used in programming and computer science

synonym: iteration, looping, repetition

(1) **recursion** depth, (2) **recursion** limit

The team encountered an infinite **recursion** error in their code, causing the program to crash.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ex____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
2. insect ab____n *n.* the part of the body between the chest and pelvis that contains the stomach, intestines, liver, pancreas, and other organs; the posterior part of an insect's body, typically divided into segments
3. zi____n possibilities *n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
4. a zi____n photos of my childhood *n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
5. long-ex____t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
6. def____ion of the tropics *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
7. deeply p__w the soil *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
8. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
9. ice cream co____t *n.* a musical instrument similar to a trumpet but with a slightly mellower tone, typically used in brass bands or military ensembles; a sweet or frozen confectionery treat served in a cone-shape

ANSWERS: 1. extinct, 2. abdomen, 3. zillion, 4. zillion, 5. extinct, 6. deforestation, 7. plow, 8. opportune, 9. cornet

10. de_____ty of human nature *n.* moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior
11. bathtub s__m *n.* a layer of unwanted or unclean material that forms on the surface of a liquid or a solid, often containing dirt, oil, or other debris, also used figuratively to describe undesirable people or groups
12. nud_____ch species *n.* a marine gastropod mollusk without a shell and with conspicuous or brightly colored gills found typically in warm seas
13. in__t gases *adj.* lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive
14. fu___s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
15. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
16. ve_____l hernia *adj.* relating to or situated on or toward the belly or underside of an animal or organ; opposite of dorsal
17. keep a ta__y *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
18. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space

ANSWERS: 10. depravity, 11. scum, 12. nudibranch, 13. inert, 14. fungus, 15. compress, 16. ventral, 17. tally, 18. trajectory

19. co___t solo *n.* a musical instrument similar to a trumpet but with a slightly mellower tone, typically used in brass bands or military ensembles; a sweet or frozen confectionery treat served in a cone-shape
20. cl___e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
21. symbiotic fu___s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
22. ta__y sheet *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
23. pr____sy success *v.* to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns
24. so____le gathering *adj.* being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
25. thermophile ar____a *n.* a group of single-celled microorganisms distinguished from bacteria by their unique cell wall structure and biochemical characteristics, which are found in extreme environments such as hot springs and salt flats

ANSWERS: 19. cornet, 20. cliché, 21. fungus, 22. tally, 23. prophesy, 24. sociable, 25. archaea

26. pu_____te his talk *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
27. re_____ct the dead *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
28. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
29. reduce s__g damage *n.* a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink
30. resolve per_____ty *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
31. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
32. cellular mor_____gy *n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
33. re_____on depth *n.* the process of repeating or looping through a set of instructions or functions within another function, often used in programming and computer science
34. te__t young people *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

ANSWERS: 26. punctuate, 27. resurrect, 28. numb, 29. slug, 30. perplexity, 31. determinant, 32. morphology, 33. recursion, 34. tempt

35. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
36. Ma_____n surface *adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants
37. re_____ct an argument *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
38. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. unknown pa_____ge *n.* the identity, origin, or lineage of one's parents; the condition or fact of being someone's parent; ancestry or descent
40. te__t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
41. ab_____n pain *n.* the part of the body between the chest and pelvis that contains the stomach, intestines, liver, pancreas, and other organs; the posterior part of an insect's body, typically divided into segments
42. an intact tr_____te *n.* a type of extinct arthropod that lived in the oceans of the Paleozoic Era, characterized by a three-lobed body shape and a hard exoskeleton
43. pr_____sy doom *v.* to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns
44. lucrative si_____ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

ANSWERS: 35. ubiquitous, 36. Martian, 37. resurrect, 38. opportune, 39. parentage, 40. tempt, 41. abdomen, 42. trilobite, 43. prophesy, 44. sideline

45. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
46. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
47. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
48. tr_____te specimen *n.* a type of extinct arthropod that lived in the oceans of the Paleozoic Era, characterized by a three-lobed body shape and a hard exoskeleton
49. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
50. the lowest def_____ion rate *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
51. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
52. sn__l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
53. chop wood with an ax *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
54. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
55. p__w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

ANSWERS: 45. trajectory, 46. obsession, 47. animate, 48. trilobite, 49. determinant, 50. deforestation, 51. humming, 52. snail, 53. ax, 54. obsession, 55. plow

56. royal pa_____ge *n.* the identity, origin, or lineage of one's parents; the condition or fact of being someone's parent; ancestry or descent
57. colorful nud_____ch *n.* a marine gastropod mollusk without a shell and with conspicuous or brightly colored gills found typically in warm seas
58. cl_____ic analysis *adj.* relating to a method of classification or analysis in biology that groups organisms based on their shared characteristics and evolutionary relationships; involving the classification of organisms into hierarchical groups called cladograms
59. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
60. s__m of the earth *n.* a layer of unwanted or unclean material that forms on the surface of a liquid or a solid, often containing dirt, oil, or other debris, also used figuratively to describe undesirable people or groups
61. pu_____te a sentence *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
62. mor_____gy of a language *n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
63. sn__l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

ANSWERS: 56. parentage, 57. nudibranch, 58. cladistic, 59. animate, 60. scum, 61. punctuate, 62. morphology, 63. snail

64. woody p__e fungi *n.* a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively
65. w__y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
66. chl_____st protein *n.* a type of membrane-bound organelle that conducts photosynthesis in plant and algal cells.
67. lazy s__g *n.* a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink
68. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
69. in_____ct at a point *v.* to meet or cross one another
70. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
71. a per_____ty issue *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
72. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
73. ar_____a microorganism *n.* a group of single-celled microorganisms distinguished from bacteria by their unique cell wall structure and biochemical characteristics, which are found in extreme environments such as hot springs and salt flats

ANSWERS: 64. pore, 65. wary, 66. chloroplast, 67. slug, 68. outlaw, 69. intersect, 70. outlaw, 71. perplexity, 72. humming, 73. archaea

74. Ma_____n geography *adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants
75. in__t ingredients *adj.* lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive
76. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
77. ve_____l fin *adj.* relating to or situated on or toward the belly or underside of an animal or organ; opposite of dorsal
78. re_____on limit *n.* the process of repeating or looping through a set of instructions or functions within another function, often used in programming and computer science
79. co_____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
80. railways in_____ct the country *v.* to meet or cross one another
81. cl_____ic tree *adj.* relating to a method of classification or analysis in biology that groups organisms based on their shared characteristics and evolutionary relationships; involving the classification of organisms into hierarchical groups called cladograms
82. si_____ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

ANSWERS: 74. Martian, 75. inert, 76. algae, 77. ventral, 78. recursion, 79. compress, 80. intersect, 81. cladistic, 82. sideline

83. moral de_____ty *n.* moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior
84. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
85. gu___a coins *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
86. gu___a pig *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
87. chl_____st DNA *n.* a type of membrane-bound organelle that conducts photosynthesis in plant and algal cells.
88. p__e over reference books *n.* a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively
89. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
90. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
91. age-old cl___e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

ANSWERS: 83. depravity, 84. numb, 85. guinea, 86. guinea, 87. chloroplast, 88. pore, 89. ubiquitous, 90. algae, 91. cliché

92. so____le atmosphere *adj.* being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
93. a w__y statesman *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
94. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

ANSWERS: 92. sociable, 93. wary, 94. ax

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Using the same _____ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

2. Large-scale _____ also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.
n. the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

3. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

4. I spotted a giant _____ in the rain garden.
n. a common name for any terrestrial gastropod mollusk that appears to lack a shell with soft and black or brown color; a bullet, a shot of alcoholic drink

5. She is a very _____ person who loves meeting new people.
adj. being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others

6. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.
v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

7. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
adj. no longer in existence

ANSWERS: 1. cliché, 2. deforestation, 3. determinant, 4. slug, 5. sociable, 6. outlaw, 7. extinct

8. My left arm became _____.

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

9. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the _____.

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

10. _____ membranes are incredibly vulnerable to damage by oxygen radicals produced as a byproduct of photochemistry.

n. a type of membrane-bound organelle that conducts photosynthesis in plant and algal cells.

11. Though he was evil, he never _____ his friends into wrongdoing.

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

12. Sugar is _____ in food.

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

13. The weightlifter used his strong _____ muscles to lift the heavy barbell.

n. the part of the body between the chest and pelvis that contains the stomach, intestines, liver, pancreas, and other organs; the posterior part of an insect's body, typically divided into segments

14. The _____ of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.

n. the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another

ANSWERS: 8. numb, 9. plow, 10. Chloroplast, 11. tempted, 12. ubiquitous, 13. abdomen, 14. morphology

15. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
16. I was sweating at every _____.
n. a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through;
(verb) to read carefully or study attentively
17. Strikes had also _____ the preceding weeks.
v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
18. The _____ high-pitched notes perfectly contrast the trombone's low tones.
n. a musical instrument similar to a trumpet but with a slightly mellower tone, typically used in brass bands or military ensembles; a sweet or frozen confectionery treat served in a cone-shape
19. He used an ___ to chop the firewood for the campfire.
n. a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
20. The cost of the antique vase is three _____.
n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
21. Her prestigious _____ opened doors for her in the entertainment industry.
n. the identity, origin, or lineage of one's parents; the condition or fact of being someone's parent; ancestry or descent
22. The _____ of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.
n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

ANSWERS: 15. trajectory, 16. pore, 17. punctuated, 18. cornet's, 19. ax, 20. guineas, 21. parentage, 22. perplexity

23. Let's keep a _____ of the votes to see who won the election.
n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
24. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
25. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy
26. The _____ on the pond's surface made seeing the fish swimming below difficult.
n. a layer of unwanted or unclean material that forms on the surface of a liquid or a solid, often containing dirt, oil, or other debris, also used figuratively to describe undesirable people or groups
27. The gardener found a _____ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.
n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
28. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
29. Her multidisciplinary works _____ music and picture with writing.
v. to meet or cross one another
30. 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

ANSWERS: 23. tally, 24. humming, 25. animated, 26. scum, 27. snail, 28. compressed, 29. intersect, 30. ventral

31. She was _____ of meeting new people because of past experiences.
adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
32. The study of _____ is important for understanding the origins of life on Earth
n. a group of single-celled microorganisms distinguished from bacteria by their unique cell wall structure and biochemical characteristics, which are found in extreme environments such as hot springs and salt flats
33. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
34. They tried to _____ the ancient tradition.
v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again
35. The company received a _____ complaints about their faulty product.
n. an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
36. The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the _____ for the entire game.
n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
37. The diet of _____ often consists of small invertebrates such as sea anemones, hydroids, and sponges.
n. a marine gastropod mollusk without a shell and with conspicuous or brightly colored gills found typically in warm seas

ANSWERS: 31. wary, 32. archaea, 33. fungus, 34. resurrect, 35. zillion, 36. sideline, 37. nudibranchs

38. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

39. The rock was completely _____ and didn't react when we tried to break it open.

adj. lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive

40. The fossilized _____ was over 500 million years old.

n. a type of extinct arthropod that lived in the oceans of the Paleozoic Era, characterized by a three-lobed body shape and a hard exoskeleton

41. There is very little water in the _____ atmosphere.

adj. of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

42. The _____ of the serial killer shocked the nation.

n. moral corruption or degradation; a state of extreme wickedness or immorality; morally twisted or warped behavior

43. 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

44. The _____ classification system organizes species based on their evolutionary relationships.

adj. relating to a method of classification or analysis in biology that groups organisms based on their shared characteristics and evolutionary relationships; involving the classification of organisms into hierarchical groups called cladograms

ANSWERS: 38. opportune, 39. inert, 40. trilobite, 41. Martian, 42. depravity, 43. obsession, 44. cladistic

45. The team encountered an infinite _____ error in their code, causing the program to crash.
- n.* the process of repeating or looping through a set of instructions or functions within another function, often used in programming and computer science
46. The famous author was able to _____ technological advancements that were beyond the imagination of his time.
- v.* to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns
47. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
- n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

ANSWERS: 45. recursion, 46. prophesy, 47. Algae