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Session 1: Word List

laminated

n. a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring

synonym : veneer, coating, layer

(1) **laminated** flooring, (2) **laminated** table

The countertop in my kitchen is made of durable **laminated** material.

booth

n. a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services

synonym : kiosk, stand, cubicle

(1) **booth** cost, (2) phone **booth**

She set up a **booth** at the fair to sell her handmade jewelry.

exhibition

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

synonym : display, show, presentation

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

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

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders
Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**
Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

interior

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

synonym: inner, inside, internal

(1) **interior** decoration, (2) plenty of **interior** space
The painter focused on the moody **interiors** of abandoned buildings in his work.

airstream

n. a current of air or wind, often used to refer to a strong or steady flow of air

synonym: breeze, gust, wind

(1) **airstream** trailer, (2) high-speed **airstream**
We felt a cool **airstream** against our faces as we rode with the car windows down.

trail

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

synonym: footpath, track, course

(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**
The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.

gut

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

synonym: belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

steppe

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

synonym: prairie, savannah, grassland

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

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

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

optimize

v. to make the best or most effective use of something

synonym: advance, amend, improve

(1) **optimize** a process, (2) **optimize** control for cooling

The essence of economics is to **optimize** the allocation of limited resources.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

synonym: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right,

no matter the cost.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym: unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

exterior

adj. situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something

synonym: external, outward, outer

(1) glass **exterior**, (2) new **exterior** design

Four **exterior** walls surround the courtyard.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym: ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

lightweight

adj. composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive

(1) **lightweight** aircraft, (2) **lightweight** structure

Powder coating protects the **lightweight** aluminum alloy components.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre-**modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

futurist

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

synonym : foreseer, prophet, fortune-teller

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

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

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

pod

n. a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane

synonym : capsule, seed case, husk

(1) escape **pod**, (2) cocoa **pod**

The **pod** of whales swam gracefully through the water.

hurtle

v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

synonym : throw, hurl, fling

(1) **hurtle** into a tunnel, (2) **hurtle** through life

The car **hurtled** down the highway at breakneck speed.

freeway

n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

synonym : highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

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**.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

cabin

n. a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep

synonym: hut, cottage, shack

(1) **cabin** crew, (2) log **cabin**

The quaint **cabin** in the woods was the perfect retreat for a weekend getaway.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

vocabulary

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

synonym : lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

modernity

n. the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

synonym : contemporaneousness, present-day, contemporaneity

(1) spirit of **modernity**, (2) path toward **modernity**

He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's **modernity**.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym : coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym : genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

utility

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

synonym : usefulness, practicality, service

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

vinyl

n. a synthetic resin or plastic material that can be molded into various shapes and forms, particularly used in construction, furniture, and record production

synonym: insulant

(1) **vinyl** flooring, (2) **vinyl** fence

The record store has a large selection of **vinyl** albums.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

aluminum

n. a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts

(1) a layer of **aluminum** foil, (2) an **aluminum** alloy

Some of the parts of this car are made of **aluminum** to reduce weight.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym: clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

hardware

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

synonym : gear, apparatus, gadget

(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**

The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.

trim

v. to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance

synonym : cut, pare, prune

(1) **trim** a dog's nails, (2) **trim** the budget

I must **trim** the bushes in my front yard before they get too overgrown.

literally

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

synonym : actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

mock

v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

synonym : gibe (or jibe), make fun of, laugh at

(1) **mock** his accent, (2) **mock** at his misfortune

It is impolite to **mock** fun of an international student's English mistakes.

cardboard

n. a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials

synonym : corrugated board, paperboard

(1) **cardboard** box, (2) **cardboard** cutout

I made a **cardboard** box to store my winter clothes in.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym: flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

logical

adj. characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason

synonym: rational, reasonable, coherent

(1) **logical** conclusion, (2) **logical** reasoning

The mathematical equation had a **logical** solution that was easy to follow.

continuous

adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption

synonym: ceaseless, regular, repeated

(1) **continuous** improvement, (2) a **continuous** row of warehouses

The heavy snow has been **continuous** since last morning.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym: canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym: combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym: bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym : sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

geometry

n. the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces

(1) Euclidean **geometry**, (2) spherical **geometry**

The mathematician pioneered fractal **geometry**.

caseworker

n. a social worker or other professionals who provides assistance and guidance to individuals or families who are dealing with various issues, such as poverty, healthcare, mental health, or legal problems

synonym : social worker, case manager, counselor

(1) child's **caseworker**, (2) experienced **caseworker**

The professional **caseworker** provided emotional support and counseling to the client as they worked through challenging life circumstances

rewire

v. to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

synonym : reconfigure, renovate, upgrade

(1) **rewire** a house, (2) **rewire** a program

I need to **rewire** the faulty electrical system in my house to

prevent a fire.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

electrical

adj. relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym: pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym: task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym: empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

slate

n. a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order

synonym: chalkboard, blackboard, tablet

(1) **slate** tile, (2) **slate** roof

We need to add more names to the **slate** of candidates for the upcoming election.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

turntable

n. a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound

(1) rotating **turntable**, (2) vintage **turntable**

I carefully placed the vinyl record on the **turntable** and enjoyed the smooth music.

fridge

n. a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh

synonym: refrigerator

(1) **fridge** magnet, (2) fill the **fridge**

She left the **fridge** door open inadvertently.

integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

synonym: mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym: sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

idiosyncrasy

n. a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior

synonym: peculiarity, quirk, eccentricity

(1) personal **idiosyncrasy**, (2) cultural **idiosyncrasy**

His **idiosyncrasy** of always wearing green socks was a quirky habit.

migrate

v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

synonym: relocate, emigrate, roam

(1) **migrate** across borders, (2) **migrate** a service

Many Germans **migrated** to South America in the mid-19th century.

consult

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

synonym: confer, consider, see

(1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet

Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.

skate

n. a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

synonym: blade, runner, sled

(1) **skate** park, (2) roller **skate**

She has been practicing an ice **skate** routine for months

surf

v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or

aimless manner

synonym : browse, scan, paddle

(1) **surf** the Internet, (2) **surf** the waves

I'll **surf** the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym : building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

dilemma

n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

synonym: difficulty, plight, predicament

(1) chicken-and-egg **dilemma**, (2) be in a **dilemma**

The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common **dilemma**.

scribe

n. a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times

synonym: copyist, transcriber, writer

(1) **scribe** in ancient Egypt, (2) financial **scribe**

The **scribe's** skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.

uniquely

adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others

synonym: singularly, exclusively, distinctively

(1) play a **uniquely** important role, (2) **uniquely** different

The painting is **uniquely** painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. a per_____ve view | <i>n.</i> a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something |
| 2. a casting m__d | <i>n.</i> a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long |
| 3. racial or___n | <i>n.</i> the first existence or beginning of something |
| 4. number of different sc_____ios | <i>n.</i> a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work |
| 5. regularly co_____t with a doctor | <i>v.</i> to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject |
| 6. key co_____nt | <i>n.</i> one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger |
| 7. co_____t my wallet | <i>v.</i> to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject |
| 8. hu___e into a tunnel | <i>v.</i> to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way |

ANSWERS: 1. perspective, 2. mold, 3. origin, 4. scenario, 5. consult, 6. component, 7. consult, 8. hurtle

9. g_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
10. po____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
11. be in a di____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
12. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
13. the worst case sc____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
14. re___e a program *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
15. a cell phone with an internet fa____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
16. a layer of al____um foil *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts
17. spherical ge____ry *n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces

ANSWERS: 9. gut, 10. portray, 11. dilemma, 12. decide, 13. scenario, 14. rewire, 15. facility, 16. aluminum, 17. geometry

18. an al____um alloy *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts
19. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
20. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
21. the com_____on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
22. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
23. the ha_____re department *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
24. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
25. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
26. roller sk__e *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

ANSWERS: 18. aluminum, 19. chase, 20. shell, 21. commission, 22. difficulty, 23. hardware, 24. technological, 25. shell, 26. skate

27. rotating tu_____le *n.* a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound
28. vi_____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
29. a personal exh_____on *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
30. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
31. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
32. play a un_____ly important role *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
33. in_____or decoration *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
34. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
35. high-speed ai_____am *n.* a current of air or wind, often used to refer to a strong or steady flow of air
36. bo__h cost *n.* a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services
37. op_____ze a process *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something

ANSWERS: 27. turntable, 28. visible, 29. exhibition, 30. synchronize, 31. archaeology, 32. uniquely, 33. interior, 34. architecture, 35. airstream, 36. booth, 37. optimize

38. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity
39. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
40. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
41. vintage tu_____le *n.* a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound
42. co_____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
43. mi_____e a service *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
44. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
45. lig_____ht aircraft *adj.* composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive

ANSWERS: 38. electrical, 39. process, 40. perceive, 41. turntable, 42. conceive, 43. migrate, 44. discovery, 45. lightweight

46. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
47. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
48. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
49. follow the tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
50. sl__e roof *n.* a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order
51. plenty of in_____or space *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
52. cocoa p_d *n.* a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane
53. ai_____am trailer *n.* a current of air or wind, often used to refer to a strong or steady flow of air
54. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
55. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 46. couch, 47. archaeology, 48. fin, 49. trail, 50. slate, 51. interior, 52. pod, 53. airstream, 54. contemporary, 55. mold

56. s__f the waves
v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
57. con_____ary leaders
adj. belonging to the same or present time
58. fa_____y novel
n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
59. financial sc___e
n. a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
60. immune fu_____on
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
61. barren st___e
n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
62. tec_____cal policy
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 56. surf, 57. contemporary, 58. fantasy, 59. scribe, 60. function, 61. steppe, 62. technological

63. vi__l fence *n.* a synthetic resin or plastic material that can be molded into various shapes and forms, particularly used in construction, furniture, and record production
64. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
65. sc___e in ancient Egypt *n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
66. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
67. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
68. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
69. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
70. ca_____rd cutout *n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
71. Euclidean ge_____ry *n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
72. la_____te flooring *n.* a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring

ANSWERS: 63. vinyl, 64. transport, 65. scribe, 66. dimension, 67. discovery, 68. independence, 69. consistent, 70. cardboard, 71. geometry, 72. laminate

73. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
74. sk__e park *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
75. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
76. a warm tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
77. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
78. ca__n crew *n.* a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep
79. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
80. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

ANSWERS: 73. prototype, 74. skate, 75. highlight, 76. trail, 77. prototype, 78. cabin, 79. statistics, 80. literally

81. fr___e magnet *n.* a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh
82. m__k his accent *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
83. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
84. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
85. expanded fr_____y *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
86. degree in ele_____al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
87. lack in mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
88. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
89. academic voc_____ry *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
90. chicken-and-egg di_____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

ANSWERS: 81. fridge, 82. mock, 83. highlight, 84. integrate, 85. freeway, 86. electrical, 87. mobility, 88. fashion, 89. vocabulary, 90. dilemma

91. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
92. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
93. fr_____y exit *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
94. op_____ze control for cooling *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
95. child's cas_____er *n.* a social worker or other professionals who provides assistance and guidance to individuals or families who are dealing with various issues, such as poverty, healthcare, mental health, or legal problems
96. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
97. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
98. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
99. re_____e a house *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

ANSWERS: 91. participate, 92. synchronize, 93. freeway, 94. optimize, 95. caseworker, 96. compound, 97. blank, 98. perceive, 99. rewire

100. id____st at heart *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
101. improve social mo____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
102. phone bo__h *n.* a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services
103. fill the fr___e *n.* a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh
104. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
105. voc____ry list *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
106. st___e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

ANSWERS: 100. idealist, 101. mobility, 102. booth, 103. fridge, 104. develop, 105. vocabulary, 106. steppe

107. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
108. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
109. personal idi_____asy *n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
110. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
111. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
112. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
113. fu_____st ideas *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
114. s__f the Internet *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

ANSWERS: 107. dimension, 108. refer, 109. idiosyncrasy, 110. modern, 111. chase, 112. facility, 113. futurist, 114. surf

115. hu___e through life *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
116. la_____te table *n.* a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring
117. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
118. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
119. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
120. lo_____l conclusion *adj.* characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason
121. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
122. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
123. lo_____l reasoning *adj.* characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason
124. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 115. hurtle, 116. laminate, 117. decide, 118. independence, 119. disconnect, 120. logical, 121. component, 122. fashion, 123. logical, 124. modern

125. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
126. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
127. con_____us improvement *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
128. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
129. the sets were meticulously au_____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
130. m__k at his misfortune *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
131. com_____on appointed by the government *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
132. ut_____y costs *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
133. mi_____e across borders *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
134. glass ex_____or *adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something

ANSWERS: 125. difficulty, 126. fantastic, 127. continuous, 128. strip, 129. authentic, 130. mock, 131. commission, 132. utility, 133. migrate, 134. exterior

135. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
136. ce____g light *n.* a room's top interior surface
137. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
138. an id____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
139. lig____ht structure *adj.* composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive
140. path toward mo____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
141. in____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
142. vi____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view

ANSWERS: 135. panel, 136. ceiling, 137. crisis, 138. idealist, 139. lightweight, 140. modernity, 141. integrate, 142. visible

143. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
144. bite his tongue li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
145. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
146. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
147. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
148. exh_____on opening *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
149. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 143. disconnect, 144. literally, 145. compound, 146. blank, 147. function, 148. exhibition, 149. process

150. cultural idi_____asy *n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
151. a vast inventory of ha_____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
152. t__m the budget *v.* to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance
153. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
154. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
155. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
156. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
157. the blind g_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 150. idiosyncrasy, 151. hardware, 152. trim, 153. crisis, 154. statistics, 155. curve, 156. participate, 157. gut

158. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
159. un_____ly different *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
160. log ca__n *n.* a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep
161. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
162. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
163. spirit of mo_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
164. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
165. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
166. new ex_____or design *adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something

ANSWERS: 158. fin, 159. uniquely, 160. cabin, 161. devise, 162. architecture, 163. modernity, 164. couch, 165. refer, 166. exterior

167. marginal ut____y *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
168. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
169. vi__l flooring *n.* a synthetic resin or plastic material that can be molded into various shapes and forms, particularly used in construction, furniture, and record production
170. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
171. sl__e tile *n.* a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order
172. escape p_d *n.* a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane
173. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
174. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

ANSWERS: 167. utility, 168. panel, 169. vinyl, 170. consistent, 171. slate, 172. pod, 173. curve, 174. authentic

175. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
176. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
177. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
178. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
179. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
180. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
181. a con_____us row of warehouses *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
182. fu_____st architecture *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
183. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
184. ce_____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface

ANSWERS: 175. fantastic, 176. transport, 177. develop, 178. perspective, 179. devise, 180. origin, 181. continuous, 182. futurist, 183. fantasy, 184. ceiling

185. t__m a dog's nails *v.* to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance
186. experienced cas_____er *n.* a social worker or other professionals who provides assistance and guidance to individuals or families who are dealing with various issues, such as poverty, healthcare, mental health, or legal problems
187. ca_____rd box *n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
188. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
189. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
190. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

ANSWERS: 185. trim, 186. caseworker, 187. cardboard, 188. portray, 189. conceive, 190. strip

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.
n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
2. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
3. The _____ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.
n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
4. The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common _____.
n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
5. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
6. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.
n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
7. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 1. trail, 2. panel, 3. utility, 4. dilemma, 5. perspective, 6. curve, 7. chased

8. The art museum is hosting an _____ of contemporary paintings next month.
n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
9. Actuators convert _____ pulses into motion.
adj. relating to electricity
10. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
11. Powder coating protects the _____ aluminum alloy components.
adj. composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive
12. She left the _____ door open inadvertently.
n. a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh
13. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.
n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
14. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.
n. a room's top interior surface
15. She set up a _____ at the fair to sell her handmade jewelry.
n. a small enclosed space, especially one with a counter or desk, used for selling tickets, goods, or services

ANSWERS: 8. exhibition, 9. electrical, 10. independence, 11. lightweight, 12. fridge, 13. facility, 14. ceiling, 15. booth

16. We got stuck in a traffic jam on the _____ for over an hour.
- n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
17. 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
18. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
19. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.
- v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
20. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
21. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
- adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
22. Always _____ a lawyer before launching a business.
- v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
23. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 16. freeway, 17. synchronized, 18. fantasy, 19. strip, 20. develop, 21. Technological, 22. consult, 23. statistics

24. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.

- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

25. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.

- n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

26. The mathematical equation had a _____ solution that was easy to follow.

- adj.* characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason

27. He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's _____.

- n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

28. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.

- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

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

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

30. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.

- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 24. mold, 25. couch, 26. logical, 27. modernity, 28. scenarios, 29. steppe,

30. function

31. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something
32. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.
- n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
33. As a dedicated _____ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.
- n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
34. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
35. The radical _____ predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.
- n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
36. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.
- v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
37. I made a _____ box to store my winter clothes in.
- n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials

ANSWERS: 31. origin, 32. gut-wrenching, 33. idealist, 34. discovery, 35. futurist, 36. disconnect, 37. cardboard

38. I have limited _____ in my arms.
- n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
39. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.
- v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
40. Many Germans _____ to South America in the mid-19th century.
- v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
41. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
42. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
43. She has been practicing an ice _____ routine for months
- n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
44. The car _____ down the highway at breakneck speed.
- v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
45. Using proper _____ is essential for writing a good essay.
- n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

ANSWERS: 38. mobility, 39. integrate, 40. migrated, 41. highlighted, 42. component, 43. skate, 44. hurtled, 45. vocabulary

46. I need to _____ the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.
- v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
47. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
48. The mathematician pioneered fractal _____.
- n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
49. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
50. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
51. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
52. The painting is _____ painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.
- adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
53. It is impolite to _____ fun of an international student's English mistakes.
- v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

ANSWERS: 46. rewire, 47. transportation, 48. geometry, 49. fins, 50. refer, 51. participated, 52. uniquely, 53. mock

54. You are not _____ in your behavior.

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

55. The painter focused on the moody _____ of abandoned buildings in his work.

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

56. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

57. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

58. Four _____ walls surround the courtyard.

adj. situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something

59. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

60. I carefully placed the vinyl record on the _____ and enjoyed the smooth music.

n. a revolving plate or platform used for rotating objects, particularly a device used for playing vinyl records that rotates the record at a constant speed while a needle reads the grooves to produce sound

61. The professional _____ provided emotional support and counseling to the client as they worked through challenging life circumstances

n. a social worker or other professionals who provides assistance and guidance to individuals or families who are dealing with various issues, such as poverty, healthcare, mental health, or legal problems

ANSWERS: 54. consistent, 55. interiors, 56. crisis, 57. modern, 58. exterior, 59.

portray, 60. turntable, 61. caseworker

62. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
- v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
63. We felt a cool _____ against our faces as we rode with the car windows down.
- n.* a current of air or wind, often used to refer to a strong or steady flow of air
64. I'll _____ the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.
- v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
65. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
- n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
66. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.
- v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
67. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.
- n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
68. She gets a _____ on each contract.
- n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
69. My home is easily _____ from the shore.
- adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view

ANSWERS: 62. devise, 63. airstream, 64. surf, 65. prototype, 66. perceived, 67. hardware, 68. commission, 69. visible

70. The essence of economics is to _____ the allocation of limited resources.
v. to make the best or most effective use of something
71. The ____ of whales swam gracefully through the water.
n. a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane
72. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
73. Some of the parts of this car are made of _____ to reduce weight.
n. a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts
74. She teaches _____ at the local university.
n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
75. I must _____ the bushes in my front yard before they get too overgrown.
v. to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance
76. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
n. a condition or state that causes problems
77. His _____ of always wearing green socks was a quirky habit.
n. a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior

ANSWERS: 70. optimize, 71. pod, 72. conceive, 73. aluminum, 74. archaeology, 75. trim, 76. difficulty, 77. idiosyncrasy

78. That style is no longer in _____.

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

79. The record store has a large selection of _____ albums.

n. a synthetic resin or plastic material that can be molded into various shapes and forms, particularly used in construction, furniture, and record production

80. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

81. The countertop in my kitchen is made of durable _____ material.

n. a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring

82. The quaint _____ in the woods was the perfect retreat for a weekend getaway.

n. a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep

83. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

84. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

adj. belonging to the same or present time

85. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 78. fashion, 79. vinyl, 80. dimensions, 81. laminate, 82. cabin, 83. literally, 84. Contemporary, 85. process

86. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
87. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.
n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
88. We need to add more names to the _____ of candidates for the upcoming election.
n. a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order
89. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
90. The heavy snow has been _____ since last morning.
adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
91. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen
adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
92. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
93. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 86. fantastic, 87. compound, 88. slate, 89. shell, 90. continuous, 91. blank, 92. architecture, 93. decide

94. The _____ skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.

n. a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times

95. The stages of the play were meticulously _____

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

ANSWERS: 94. scribe's, 95. authentic