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Session 1: Word List

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.

quaint

adj. attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

synonym : charming, picturesque, eccentric

(1) **quaint** village, (2) **quaint** cottage

The **quaint** old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

mustang

n. a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament

(1) a group of **mustangs**, (2) saddle up his trusty **mustang**

The wild **mustang** galloped across the open plains, its mane flowing in the wind.

arouse

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

synonym : excite, stimulate, stir

(1) **arouse** desire, (2) **arouse** suspicion

The rousing speech by the politician **aroused** the audience to action.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

synonym: antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

Darwinism

n. the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment

synonym: evolution, natural selection

(1) digital **Darwinism**, (2) economic **Darwinism**

The concept of Social **Darwinism** was often misused to justify socioeconomic inequalities.

christen

v. to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church

synonym: baptize, name, initiate

(1) **christen** a child, (2) **christen** the baby at the baptism

The newborn baby was **christened** in a ceremony at the church.

advisedly

adv. done with careful consideration or thought; deliberately or intentionally

synonym: deliberately, purposely, intentionally

(1) consider **advisedly**, (2) speak **advisedly**

He **advisedly** chose not to take any risks before the important exam.

theorist

n. a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation

synonym: philosopher, academic, scholar

(1) scientific **theorist**, (2) conspiracy **theorist**

The feminist **theorist** criticized traditional models of gender roles and argued for greater equality between the sexes.

refute

v. to say or prove that something is wrong or false

synonym: disavow, rebut, counter

(1) **refute** an opponent, (2) **refute** the foolish idea

The latest experimental results have **refuted** the previous speculation.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

creationist

n. a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes

(1) **creationist** claim, (2) **creationist** theory

The old-earth **creationist** believed God created the universe and all life on earth.

phobia

n. an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder

synonym: fear, dread, terror

(1) **phobia** treatment, (2) social **phobia**

She has a **phobia** of spiders and always avoids them.

atheism

n. the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity

synonym: non-belief, disbelief, godlessness

(1) militant **atheism**, (2) **atheism** in philosophy

The convention was a gathering of thinkers discussing **atheism** in contemporary society.

larceny

n. the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft

synonym : theft, robbery, stealing

(1) grand **larceny**, (2) commit **larceny**

The suspect was charged with **larceny** for stealing valuable artwork.

theologian

n. an expert or student who studies theology

synonym : clergyperson, philosopher, scholar

(1) Swedish **theologian**, (2) great **theologians**

Death gets more than its share of attention from **theologians**.

papal

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

synonym : pontifical, papistic, apostolical

(1) **papal** authority, (2) **papal** visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

miller

n. a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

synonym : grinder, pulverizer, crusher

(1) **mill** flour, (2) water **mill**

The **mill**'s work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

devout

adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

synonym : pious, religious, faithful

(1) **devout** Buddhist, (2) act in a **devout** manner

The **devout** monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis

for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

godsend

n. something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial

synonym : blessing, gift, windfall

(1) **godsend** opportunity, (2) a **godsend** for farmers

The extra funding for the project was a **godsend** and allowed us to complete it on time.

tantamount

adj. equivalent in value, significance, or effect to something else; virtually equal to or interchangeable with something else

synonym : equivalent, equal, identical

(1) **tantamount** to impossible, (2) **tantamount** to treason

His behavior is **tantamount** to bullying and will not be tolerated.

delude

v. to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something

synonym : deceive, mislead, fool

(1) **delude** with false promises, (2) **delude** the public

It is easy to **delude** yourself into thinking everything is fine when it's not.

corrosive

adj. having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive

synonym : destructive, erosive, caustic

(1) **corrosive** substance, (2) **corrosive** effect

The **corrosive** acid ate away at the metal pipes.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym : expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses
The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market
The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

militant

n. willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

synonym : combative, aggressive, bellicose

(1) **militant** nations, (2) a **militant** reformer
The **militant** group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

enthrall

v. to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate

synonym : captivate, charm, fascinate

(1) **enthrall** with beauty, (2) **enthrall** the reader
The magician's illusions always managed to **enthrall** the audience.

atheistic

adj. pertaining to or characterized by atheism, which is the belief or doctrine that there is no God or higher power

synonym : godless, nonreligious, irreligious

(1) **atheistic** beliefs, (2) **atheistic** approach
The author's **atheistic** views were evident in her writing, where she denounced the existence of a higher power.

improbable

adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

synonym : unlikely, doubtful, implausible

(1) **improbable** story, (2) **improbable** event
It is **improbable** that we will find a solution to this problem

overnight.

disapprove

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

synonym : object, reject, condemn

(1) **disapprove** of the government, (2) publicly **disapprove**
I **disapprove** of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

postulate

v. to suggest or assume the existence, truth, or necessity of something, typically as a basis for reasoning or further investigation

synonym : posit, hypothesize, assume

(1) **postulate** a theory, (2) **postulate** an argument
Scientists **postulate** that gravity plays a major role in the universe's formation.

parsimonious

adj. excessively frugal or stingy; unwilling to spend money or resources; extremely economical to the point of being overly cautious

synonym : frugal, stingy, economical

(1) **parsimonious** spender, (2) **parsimonious** lifestyle
The **parsimonious** homeowner diligently saved every penny by reducing energy consumption and conserving water.

sinewy

adj. characterized by strong and lean muscles; having well-developed and prominent muscles; tough and strong, often referring to physical strength or appearance

synonym : muscular, strong, lean

(1) **sinewy** tree branches, (2) **sinewy** physique
The bodybuilder's **sinewy** arms showcased his strength and dedication to fitness.

incapable

adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something

synonym : unable, incompetent, unskilled

(1) drunk and **incapable**, (2) **incapable** of being resisted

He seems **incapable** of understanding what she says.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

furor

n. a state of great excitement, public outrage, or public anger over something

synonym: excitement, fuss, commotion

(1) create a **furor**, (2) the **furor** over the issue

The new tax law caused a **furor** among small business owners.

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym: wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

supernatural

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

synonym: paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

asteroid

n. (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

synonym : minor planet, planetoid, rocky planetesimal

(1) **asteroid** mining, (2) **asteroid** explorer

Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the **asteroid** belt to understand the early solar system better.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym : reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

iridium

n. a chemical element with the symbol Ir and atomic number 77, which is a hard, brittle, and silvery-white transition metal of the platinum group, often used in certain high-temperature applications like spark plugs or crucibles for crystal growth

synonym : Ir

(1) **iridium** satellite, (2) **iridium** coating

Many scientists believe a layer of **iridium** in the geologic record points to an ancient asteroid impact.

argon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Ar that is a colorless, odorless, and inert gas, often used in welding and other industrial processes

synonym : Ar, noble gas

(1) **argon** gas, (2) **argon-filled** light bulb

The light emitted by **argon** gas is often used in advertising signs.

crater

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

synonym : cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

vouchsafe

v. to grant or give something graciously or condescendingly; to choose to reveal or disclose something willingly, often with a sense of privilege or superiority

synonym : grant, bestow, give

(1) **vouchsafe** a moment of your time, (2) **vouchsafe** a glimpse

The CEO **vouchsafed** the new project details to only a select group of employees.

unquestioning

adj. accepting, believing, or obeying without hesitation or doubt; uncritical or unthinking; not inclined to challenge or question authority or beliefs

synonym : uncritical, obedient, compliant

(1) **unquestioning** acceptance, (2) **unquestioning** loyalty

Her **unquestioning** obedience to her parents' rules sometimes led to trouble.

promulgate

v. to make known or announce officially; to publicly declare or communicate a law, rule, belief, or idea

synonym : announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **promulgate** guidelines, (2) **promulgate** new regulations

The government issued a decree to **promulgate** new laws regarding environmental conservation.

dogma

n. a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted

synonym : doctrine, tenet, creed

(1) religious **dogma**, (2) the secret **dogma**

All members strictly followed the **dogma** of the organization.

inconceivable

adj. hard to imagine or believe

synonym : unimaginable, impossible, unthinkable

(1) **inconceivable** pain, (2) **inconceivable** ideas

It would be **inconceivable** for him to alter his behavior.

patriotic

adj. having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

synonym : loyal, chauvinistic, jingoistic

(1) **patriotic** duty, (2) **patriotic** fervor

He was wearing a **patriotic** T-shirt with the American flag on it.

patriotism

n. love and loyalty to one's country

synonym : nationalism, loyalty, devotion

(1) the spirit of **patriotism**, (2) fanatic **patriotism**

His actions were a testament to his deep love and **patriotism** for his country.

patriot

n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

synonym : nationalist, loyalist

(1) blind **patriot**, (2) zealous **patriot**

He is more of a hypocrite than a **patriot**, to be honest.

bigotry

n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

synonym : intolerance, prejudice, bias

(1) ethnic **bigotry**, (2) self-righteous **bigotry**

Bigotry and discrimination have no place in our society.

blurt

v. to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally

synonym : blab, spill, reveal

(1) **blurt** about the inside story, (2) **blurt** in frustration

I didn't mean to **blurt** out the answer, but it came out before I could stop.

retract

v. to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

synonym : withdraw, take back, revoke

(1) **retract** a promise, (2) **retract** a lawsuit

I need to **retract** my statement because I realized it was incorrect.

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

synonym : by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned

Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

vilify

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

synonym : defame, slander, malign

(1) **vilify** the press, (2) publicly **vilify**

The media has been **vilifying** the politician for his controversial statements.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym : absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

beleaguer

v. to surround, harass, or besiege with difficulties or problems; to subject to constant or repeated trouble or suffering

synonym : besiege, surround, harass

(1) **beleaguer** the project, (2) **beleaguer** her every day

The company has been **beleaguered** with financial difficulties

since the market downturn.

outnumber

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

synonym: surpass, exceed

(1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males
The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym: adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

overawe

v. to impress or influence someone through the use of power, authority, or an overwhelming presence; to intimidate or awe someone into submission or compliance

synonym: intimidate, awe, daunt

(1) **overawe** him into obedience, (2) **overawe** the audience

The new student's exceptional talent in mathematics **overawed** his classmates.

consign

v. to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use

synonym: transfer, deliver, entrust

(1) **consign** to oblivion, (2) **consign** the rare coins to an auction house

I will **consign** these old clothes to the donation bin.

oblivion

n. the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

synonym: limbo, forgetfulness, unawareness

(1) vanish into **oblivion**, (2) drunken **oblivion**

The author's work was forgotten and fell into **oblivion** after his death.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

socioeconomic

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

synonym: social, economic, financial

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

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

meta

adj. pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other

online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements

synonym : self-referential, introspective, recursive

(1) **meta-analysis**, (2) **meta-language**

The **meta** description of a website is an important element for search engine optimization.

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym : break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

agnostic

n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

synonym : skeptic, doubter, unbeliever

(1) **agnostic** world-view, (2) **agnostic** position

Her scientific background led her to be **agnostic** about the existence of a higher power.

immortality

n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever

synonym : endless life, timelessness, agelessness

(1) the **immortality** of the soul, (2) achieve **immortality**

Many people believe in the concept of **immortality** and an afterlife.

grotesque

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

synonym : bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance

The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

mismatch

v. to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else

synonym : misalign, discord, clash

(1) **mismatch** expectations, (2) **mismatch** socks

The colors of the shirt and pants totally **mismatch**, making the outfit look ridiculous.

intelligentsia

n. the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits

synonym: intellectuals, intelligents, savants

(1) members of **intelligentsia**, (2) artistic **intelligentsia**

The voices of the political and academic **intelligentsia** dominated the debate.

abhorrent

adj. causing extreme disgust or hatred; completely unacceptable or intolerable

synonym: repugnant, detestable, hateful

(1) **abhorrent** act of violence, (2) **abhorrent** remarks

The government's treatment of refugees is **abhorrent** and violates basic human rights.

unbecoming

adj. not suitable or fitting for a particular role, position, or character; inappropriate or inappropriate in behavior, appearance, or manner

synonym: inappropriate, unflattering, unsuitable

(1) **unbecoming** language, (2) **unbecoming** attire

His **unbecoming** behavior at the office party led to his suspension.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym: prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

stoop

v. to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

synonym: bend, crouch, bow

(1) **stoop** forward in the chair, (2) **stoop** to conquer

I had to **stoop** down to pick up the coin that had rolled under the couch.

abrupt

adj. sudden and unexpected

synonym: sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner

The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

muddle

v. to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos

synonym: confuse, jumble, mix up

(1) **muddle** the instructions, (2) **muddle** the situation

I accidentally **muddled** up the reports and need help to tell which.

mistakenly

adv. in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly

synonym: incorrectly, erroneously, wrongly

(1) **mistakenly** left his keys, (2) **mistakenly** delete the important file

He **mistakenly** thought the red liquid was juice, but it was paint.

retort

v. to answer back or respond sharply in a sarcastic or witty manner; to counter an argument or statement with a quick and incisive reply

synonym : answer, reply, respond

(1) **retort** impulsively, (2) **retort** with clarity and poise

He **retorted** sharply to the critic's negative review of his work.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

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

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

lapse

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

synonym : break, failure, blunder

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

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

sabbatical

n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

synonym : leave, vacation, break

(1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year

After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.

teapot

n. a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal

synonym : kettle, pot, pitcher

(1) antique **teapot**, (2) porcelain **teapot**

The ceramic **teapot** shattered on the kitchen floor when I

accidentally dropped it.

unicorn

n. a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

synonym: mythical creature, fantasy animal, legendary horse

(1) **unicorn** beetle, (2) **unicorn** investors

In medieval times, people believed that the **unicorn** horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.

onus

n. a burden, responsibility, or obligation; something that is required to be done or achieved

synonym: burden, responsibility, weight

(1) legal **onus**, (2) financial **onus**

The **onus** of responsibility fell on the project manager to meet the deadline.

humanist

n. a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles

synonym: humanitarian, philanthropist, altruist

(1) **humanist** scholar, (2) **humanist** philosophy

The **humanist** counselor encouraged her clients to focus on their growth and well-being.

anthropology

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

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

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

naturalism

n. a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

(1) **naturalism** in literature, (2) philosophical **naturalism**
The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of **naturalism**, as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym: hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

pediatrics

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym: pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

pedophile

n. a person who is sexually attracted to children, particularly those under the age of 13; a person who engages in sexual activity with children

synonym: child molester, predator

(1) convicted **pedophile**, (2) internet **pedophiles**

A suspected **pedophile** in the neighborhood has caused worry among parents

theism

n. the belief in the existence of a god or gods, often associated with organized religion and the worship of a higher power

synonym : belief, faith, worship

(1) philosophical **theism**, (2) strict **theism** to questioning believer

Several courses in the theology department delve into the complexities and challenges of contemporary **theism**.

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym : imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

shorthand

n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

synonym : stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

hysterical

adj. marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

synonym : agitated, frantic, crazy

(1) **hysterical** laughter, (2) get **hysterical** easily

The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her **hysterical**.

nettle

n. a herbaceous plant with stinging hairs that cause a sharp, prickly sensation upon contact; a person or thing that irritates or annoys

synonym : weed, irritant, thistle

(1) **nettle** rash, (2) **nettle** leaves

The **nettle** sting left a painful rash on my arm.

frisson

n. a sudden intense feeling or thrill, often accompanied by shivers or goosebumps, typically brought on by excitement, anticipation, or a strong emotional response

synonym : shiver, thrill, goosebumps

(1) sense of **frisson**, (2) spine-tingling **frisson**

The scary movie gave me a **frisson** of fear, sending shivers down my spine.

confrontational

adj. characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground

synonym : antagonistic, combative, bellicose

(1) **confrontational** approach, (2) **confrontational** personality

Her **confrontational** attitude caused tension in the workplace.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym : fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company

goes bankrupt.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

arsenal

n. a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

synonym: storage, stockpile, armory

(1) **arsenal** of knowledge, (2) political **arsenal**

The police found a hidden **arsenal** of weapons in the suspect's house.

magnificence

n. the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired

synonym: grandeur, splendor, elegance

(1) incomparable **magnificence**, (2) the **magnificence** of classical music

The **magnificence** of the palace was breathtaking.

reverence

n. a deep respect for someone or something

synonym: respect, honor, awe

(1) **reverence** for tradition, (2) pay **reverence** to him

The people of the village showed great **reverence** for the elderly.

despise

v. to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

synonym: hate, loathe, detest

(1) **despise** a particular food, (2) secretly **despise**

I **despise** injustice and those who perpetrate it.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. as____id explorer | <i>n.</i> (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter |
| 2. a w__t of summons | <i>n.</i> a written legal order or command |
| 3. self-righteous bi____y | <i>n.</i> intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself |
| 4. a mi____nt reformer | <i>n.</i> willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal |
| 5. go____d opportunity | <i>n.</i> something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial |
| 6. ped____cs clinic | <i>n.</i> the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children |
| 7. ar____e suspicion | <i>v.</i> to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response |
| 8. de____e a particular food | <i>v.</i> to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something |
| 9. cr____r lake | <i>n.</i> a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite |
| 10. great the____ans | <i>n.</i> an expert or student who studies theology |

ANSWERS: 1. asteroid, 2. writ, 3. bigotry, 4. militant, 5. godsend, 6. pediatrics, 7. arouse, 8. despise, 9. crater, 10. theologian

11. sab_____al year *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
12. ne___e rash *n.* a herbaceous plant with stinging hairs that cause a sharp, prickly sensation upon contact; a person or thing that irritates or annoys
13. sup_____ral beings *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
14. ancient pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
15. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
16. financial o___s *n.* a burden, responsibility, or obligation; something that is required to be done or achieved
17. fo___d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
18. blind pa_____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
19. vi___y the press *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

ANSWERS: 11. sabbatical, 12. nettle, 13. supernatural, 14. proverb, 15. Christ, 16. onus, 17. forbid, 18. patriot, 19. vilify

20. fanatic pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
21. secretly de_____e *v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
22. di_____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
23. st__p to conquer *v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially
24. drunken ob_____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
25. water mi____r *n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
26. co_____e emotion *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
27. economic Da_____sm *n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment

ANSWERS: 20. patriotism, 21. despise, 22. dinosaur, 23. stoop, 24. oblivion, 25. miller, 26. connote, 27. Darwinism

28. po_____te an argument *v.* to suggest or assume the existence, truth, or necessity of something, typically as a basis for reasoning or further investigation
29. porcelain te___t *n.* a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal
30. inc_____ble pain *adj.* hard to imagine or believe
31. theoretical ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
32. hulking di_____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
33. create a fu__r *n.* a state of great excitement, public outrage, or public anger over something
34. learn sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
35. social ph___a *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
36. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
37. incomparable mag_____nce *n.* the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired

ANSWERS: 28. postulate, 29. teapot, 30. inconceivable, 31. physicist, 32. dinosaur, 33. furor, 34. shorthand, 35. phobia, 36. writ, 37. magnificence

38. ab_____nt remarks *adj.* causing extreme disgust or hatred; completely unacceptable or intolerable
39. publicly dis_____ve *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
40. write in sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
41. bl__t in frustration *v.* to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally
42. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
43. ag_____ic world-view *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
44. pa__l authority *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
45. the imm_____ty of the soul *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
46. en_____ll the reader *v.* to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
47. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

ANSWERS: 38. abhorrent, 39. disapprove, 40. shorthand, 41. blurt, 42. stumble, 43. agnostic, 44. papal, 45. immortality, 46. enthrall, 47. republican

48. po_____te a theory *v.* to suggest or assume the existence, truth, or necessity of something, typically as a basis for reasoning or further investigation
49. as_____id mining *n.* (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
50. ag_____ic position *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
51. legal o__s *n.* a burden, responsibility, or obligation; something that is required to be done or achieved
52. par_____ous spender *adj.* excessively frugal or stingy; unwilling to spend money or resources; extremely economical to the point of being overly cautious
53. hys_____al laughter *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
54. at_____t belief *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
55. ph___a treatment *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
56. cre_____st theory *n.* a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes

ANSWERS: 48. postulate, 49. asteroid, 50. agnostic, 51. onus, 52. parsimonious, 53. hysterical, 54. atheist, 55. phobia, 56. creationist

57. at_____m in philosophy *n.* the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity
58. unb_____ng language *adj.* not suitable or fitting for a particular role, position, or character; inappropriate or inappropriate in behavior, appearance, or manner
59. be_____er her every day *v.* to surround, harass, or besiege with difficulties or problems; to subject to constant or repeated trouble or suffering
60. imp_____le story *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
61. at_____t community *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
62. si___y tree branches *adj.* characterized by strong and lean muscles; having well-developed and prominent muscles; tough and strong, often referring to physical strength or appearance
63. publicly vi___y *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
64. unq_____ing loyalty *adj.* accepting, believing, or obeying without hesitation or doubt; uncritical or unthinking; not inclined to challenge or question authority or beliefs

ANSWERS: 57. atheism, 58. unbecoming, 59. beleaguer, 60. improbable, 61. atheist, 62. sinewy, 63. vilify, 64. unquestioning

65. re___t with clarity and poise *v.* to answer back or respond sharply in a sarcastic or witty manner; to counter an argument or statement with a quick and incisive reply
66. nat_____sm in literature *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
67. ov_____e him into obedience *v.* to impress or influence someone through the use of power, authority, or an overwhelming presence; to intimidate or awe someone into submission or compliance
68. speak in an ab___t manner *adj.* sudden and unexpected
69. re___e the foolish idea *v.* to say or prove that something is wrong or false
70. antique te___t *n.* a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal
71. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
72. re_____t a lawsuit *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

ANSWERS: 65. retort, 66. naturalism, 67. overawe, 68. abrupt, 69. refute, 70. teapot, 71. anthropology, 72. retract

73. speak ad_____ly *adv.* done with careful consideration or thought; deliberately or intentionally
74. ly__h him to death *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
75. achieve imm_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
76. fo___d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
77. mu___e the instructions *v.* to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos
78. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
79. philosophical nat_____sm *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
80. qu___t village *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

ANSWERS: 73. advisedly, 74. lynch, 75. immortality, 76. forbid, 77. muddle, 78. Christ, 79. naturalism, 80. quaint

81. have gr_____ue design *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
82. militant at_____m *n.* the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity
83. unb_____ng attire *adj.* not suitable or fitting for a particular role, position, or character; inappropriate or inappropriate in behavior, appearance, or manner
84. re____t impulsively *v.* to answer back or respond sharply in a sarcastic or witty manner; to counter an argument or statement with a quick and incisive reply
85. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
86. sh_____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
87. sh_____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
88. lunar cr____r *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
89. vo_____fe a glimpse *v.* to grant or give something graciously or condescendingly; to choose to reveal or disclose something willingly, often with a sense of privilege or superiority

ANSWERS: 81. grotesque, 82. atheism, 83. unbecoming, 84. retort, 85. dedicate, 86. shatter, 87. shatter, 88. crater, 89. vouchsafe

90. an und_____le masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
91. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
92. spine-tingling fr_____n *n.* a sudden intense feeling or thrill, often accompanied by shivers or goosebumps, typically brought on by excitement, anticipation, or a strong emotional response
93. ar__n gas *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Ar that is a colorless, odorless, and inert gas, often used in welding and other industrial processes
94. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
95. get hys_____al easily *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
96. scientific th_____st *n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation
97. political ar_____l *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

ANSWERS: 90. undeniable, 91. hawk, 92. frisson, 93. argon, 94. worldview, 95. hysterical, 96. theorist, 97. arsenal

98. imp_____le event *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
99. an act of ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
100. mi____r flour *n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
101. a go_____d for farmers *n.* something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial
102. m__a-analysis *adj.* pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements
103. hu_____st scholar *n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
104. par_____ous lifestyle *adj.* excessively frugal or stingy; unwilling to spend money or resources; extremely economical to the point of being overly cautious
105. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 98. improbable, 99. hostility, 100. miller, 101. godsend, 102. meta, 103. humanist, 104. parsimonious, 105. entitle

106. la__e back into recession *n.* a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended
107. drunk and in_____le *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
108. hu_____st philosophy *n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
109. pay re_____ce to him *n.* a deep respect for someone or something
110. conspiracy th_____st *n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation
111. si____y physique *adj.* characterized by strong and lean muscles; having well-developed and prominent muscles; tough and strong, often referring to physical strength or appearance
112. religious do__a *n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted

ANSWERS: 106. lapse, 107. incapable, 108. humanist, 109. reverence, 110. theorist, 111. sinewy, 112. dogma

113. bl__t about the inside story
v. to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally
114. digital Da_____sm
n. the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
115. re_____t a promise
v. to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
116. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization
n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
117. mi_____nt nations
n. willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
118. pa_____ic fervor
adj. having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
119. with fr_____c haste
adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
120. ab___t departure
adj. sudden and unexpected
121. convicted pe_____le
n. a person who is sexually attracted to children, particularly those under the age of 13; a person who engages in sexual activity with children
122. inc_____lly mentioned
adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing
123. ov_____e the audience
v. to impress or influence someone through the use of power, authority, or an overwhelming presence; to intimidate or awe someone into submission or compliance

ANSWERS: 113. blurt, 114. Darwinism, 115. retract, 116. worldview, 117. militant, 118. patriotic, 119. frantic, 120. abrupt, 121. pedophile, 122. incidentally, 123. overawe

124. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
125. mis_____ly delete the important file *adv.* in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly
126. en_____ll with beauty *v.* to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
127. de____t Buddhist *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
128. dis_____ve of the government *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
129. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
130. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
131. ar____e desire *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
132. mis_____ly left his keys *adv.* in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly
133. tan_____nt to treason *adj.* equivalent in value, significance, or effect to something else; virtually equal to or interchangeable with something else
134. grand la_____y *n.* the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft

ANSWERS: 124. opportune, 125. mistakenly, 126. enthrall, 127. devout, 128. disapprove, 129. reassure, 130. mobilize, 131. arouse, 132. mistakenly, 133. tantamount, 134. larceny

135. re_____ce for tradition *n.* a deep respect for someone or something
136. sense of fr_____n *n.* a sudden intense feeling or thrill, often accompanied by shivers or goosebumps, typically brought on by excitement, anticipation, or a strong emotional response
137. inc_____ble ideas *adj.* hard to imagine or believe
138. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
139. in_____le of being resisted *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
140. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
141. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
142. sup_____ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
143. pa__l visit *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
144. at_____ic beliefs *adj.* pertaining to or characterized by atheism, which is the belief or doctrine that there is no God or higher power
145. pa_____ic duty *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

ANSWERS: 135. reverence, 136. frisson, 137. inconceivable, 138. underestimate, 139. incapable, 140. hawk, 141. Jewish, 142. supernatural, 143. papal, 144. atheistic, 145. patriotic

146. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
147. re____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
148. sab_____al leave *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
149. pro_____te new regulations *v.* to make known or announce officially; to publicly declare or communicate a law, rule, belief, or idea
150. ch_____en a child *v.* to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
151. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
152. con_____nal personality *adj.* characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground
153. la__e in payment *n.* a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended

ANSWERS: 146. chant, 147. reassure, 148. sabbatical, 149. promulgate, 150. christen, 151. dedicate, 152. confrontational, 153. lapse

154. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
155. the secret do__a *n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
156. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
157. at_____ic approach *adj.* pertaining to or characterized by atheism, which is the belief or doctrine that there is no God or higher power
158. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
159. the fu__r over the issue *n.* a state of great excitement, public outrage, or public anger over something
160. ne___e leaves *n.* a herbaceous plant with stinging hairs that cause a sharp, prickly sensation upon contact; a person or thing that irritates or annoys
161. soc_____mic status *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
162. talented ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
163. ou_____er our opponents *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

ANSWERS: 154. incidentally, 155. dogma, 156. chant, 157. atheistic, 158. mobilize, 159. furor, 160. nettle, 161. socioeconomic, 162. physicist, 163. outnumber

164. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
165. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
166. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
167. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
168. internet pe_____les *n.* a person who is sexually attracted to children, particularly those under the age of 13; a person who engages in sexual activity with children
169. an und_____le fact *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
170. act in a de___t manner *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
171. cre_____st claim *n.* a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes

ANSWERS: 164. opportune, 165. poetic, 166. republican, 167. entitle, 168. pedophile, 169. undeniable, 170. devout, 171. creationist

172. consider ad_____ly *adv.* done with careful consideration or thought; deliberately or intentionally
173. un_____n investors *n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion
174. ir_____m coating *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Ir and atomic number 77, which is a hard, brittle, and silvery-white transition metal of the platinum group, often used in certain high-temperature applications like spark plugs or crucibles for crystal growth
175. soc_____mic issues *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
176. vo_____fe a moment of your time *v.* to grant or give something graciously or condescendingly; to choose to reveal or disclose something willingly, often with a sense of privilege or superiority
177. mi_____ch socks *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
178. artistic int_____sia *n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits
179. mu___e the situation *v.* to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos

ANSWERS: 172. advisedly, 173. unicorn, 174. iridium, 175. socioeconomic, 176. vouchsafe, 177. mismatch, 178. intelligentsia, 179. muddle

180. tan_____nt to impossible *adj.* equivalent in value, significance, or effect to something else; virtually equal to or interchangeable with something else
181. zealous pa_____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
182. ab_____nt act of violence *adj.* causing extreme disgust or hatred; completely unacceptable or intolerable
183. re____e an opponent *v.* to say or prove that something is wrong or false
184. co_____n to oblivion *v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use
185. dr__d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
186. mi_____ch expectations *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
187. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
188. co_____ve substance *adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive
189. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

ANSWERS: 180. tantamount, 181. patriot, 182. abhorrent, 183. refute, 184. consign, 185. dread, 186. mismatch, 187. confuse, 188. corrosive, 189. underestimate

190. con_____nal approach *adj.* characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground
191. ped_____cs department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
192. a group of mu_____gs *n.* a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament
193. gr_____ue appearance *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
194. qu___t cottage *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
195. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
196. ar_____l of knowledge *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
197. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
198. bitter ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

ANSWERS: 190. confrontational, 191. pediatrics, 192. mustang, 193. grotesque, 194. quaint, 195. poetic, 196. arsenal, 197. Jewish, 198. hostility

199. the spirit of pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
200. ethnic bi_____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
201. ar__n-filled light bulb *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Ar that is a colorless, odorless, and inert gas, often used in welding and other industrial processes
202. co_____ve effect *adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive
203. ly__h law *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
204. ou_____er males *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
205. a hackneyed pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
206. st__p forward in the chair *v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

ANSWERS: 199. patriotism, 200. bigotry, 201. argon, 202. corrosive, 203. lynch, 204. outnumber, 205. proverb, 206. stoop

207. saddle up his trusty mu____g *n.* a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament
208. co____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
209. de___e with false promises *v.* to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something
210. commit la____y *n.* the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft
211. pro_____te guidelines *v.* to make known or announce officially; to publicly declare or communicate a law, rule, belief, or idea
212. members of int_____sia *n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits
213. un____n beetle *n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion
214. Swedish the_____an *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
215. vanish into ob____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

ANSWERS: 207. mustang, 208. connote, 209. delude, 210. larceny, 211. promulgate, 212. intelligentsia, 213. unicorn, 214. theologian, 215. oblivion

216. unq_____ing acceptance *adj.* accepting, believing, or obeying without hesitation or doubt; uncritical or unthinking; not inclined to challenge or question authority or beliefs
217. co_____n the rare coins to an auction house *v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use
218. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
219. m__a-language *adj.* pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements
220. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
221. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
222. philosophical th___m *n.* the belief in the existence of a god or gods, often associated with organized religion and the worship of a higher power

ANSWERS: 216. unquestioning, 217. consign, 218. dread, 219. meta, 220. anthropology, 221. preach, 222. theism

223. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
224. fr_____c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
225. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
226. the mag_____nce of classical music *n.* the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired
227. de_____e the public *v.* to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something
228. ch_____en the baby at the baptism *v.* to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
229. ir_____m satellite *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Ir and atomic number 77, which is a hard, brittle, and silvery-white transition metal of the platinum group, often used in certain high-temperature applications like spark plugs or crucibles for crystal growth
230. pr_____h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
231. be_____er the project *v.* to surround, harass, or besiege with difficulties or problems; to subject to constant or repeated trouble or suffering
232. strict th_____m to questioning believer *n.* the belief in the existence of a god or gods, often associated with organized religion and the worship of a higher power

ANSWERS: 223. confuse, 224. frantic, 225. stumble, 226. magnificence, 227. delude, 228. christen, 229. iridium, 230. preach, 231. beleaguer, 232. theism

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

2. The _____ of responsibility fell on the project manager to meet the deadline.
n. a burden, responsibility, or obligation; something that is required to be done or achieved

3. She _____ over the tree root.
v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

4. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.
n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

5. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.
v. to break suddenly into many pieces

6. The author's _____ views were evident in her writing, where she denounced the existence of a higher power.
adj. pertaining to or characterized by atheism, which is the belief or doctrine that there is no God or higher power

7. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. entitled, 2. onus, 3. stumbled, 4. worldviews, 5. shattered, 6. atheistic, 7. opportune

8. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
9. I didn't mean to _____ out the answer, but it came out before I could stop.
v. to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally
10. _____ and discrimination have no place in our society.
n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
11. Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the _____ belt to understand the early solar system better.
n. (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
12. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.
n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
13. She has a _____ of spiders and always avoids them.
n. an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
14. The sudden, _____ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.
adj. sudden and unexpected
15. The concept of Social _____ was often misused to justify socioeconomic inequalities.
n. the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment

ANSWERS: 8. confused, 9. blurt, 10. Bigotry, 11. asteroid, 12. physicist, 13. phobia, 14. abrupt, 15. Darwinism

16. He _____ sharply to the critic's negative review of his work.

- v.* to answer back or respond sharply in a sarcastic or witty manner; to counter an argument or statement with a quick and incisive reply

17. The people of the village showed great _____ for the elderly.

- n.* a deep respect for someone or something

18. He was wearing a _____ T-shirt with the American flag on it.

- adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

19. The _____ sculpture made me feel uneasy.

- adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

20. The _____ of the palace was breathtaking.

- n.* the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired

21. Many people believe in the concept of _____ and an afterlife.

- n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever

22. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.

- v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

23. An enormous _____ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

- n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

ANSWERS: 16. retorted, 17. reverence, 18. patriotic, 19. grotesque, 20. magnificence, 21. immortality, 22. connotes, 23. crater

24. I _____ of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.
- v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
25. It is easy to _____ yourself into thinking everything is fine when it's not.
- v. to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something
26. The famous _____ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.
- n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
27. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.
- v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
28. The police found a hidden _____ of weapons in the suspect's house.
- n. a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
29. The wild _____ galloped across the open plains, its mane flowing in the wind.
- n. a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament
30. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
- v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
31. He seems _____ of understanding what she says.
- adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something

ANSWERS: 24. disapprove, 25. delude, 26. proverb, 27. reassure, 28. arsenal, 29. mustang, 30. underestimated, 31. incapable

32. The suspect was charged with _____ for stealing valuable artwork.
- n.* the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft
33. The colors of the shirt and pants totally _____ making the outfit look ridiculous.
- v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
34. After ten years of teaching, she took a _____ to travel the world.
- n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
35. I missed the deadline due to a _____ in my memory.
- n.* a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended
36. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
- n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
37. He _____ thought the red liquid was juice, but it was paint.
- adv.* in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly
38. It is _____ that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.
- adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

ANSWERS: 32. larceny, 33. mismatch, 34. sabbatical, 35. lapse, 36. republican, 37. mistakenly, 38. improbable

39. I _____ injustice and those who perpetrate it.
- v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
40. The old-earth _____ believed God created the universe and all life on earth.
- n.* a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes
41. The CEO _____ the new project details to only a select group of employees.
- v.* to grant or give something graciously or condescendingly; to choose to reveal or disclose something willingly, often with a sense of privilege or superiority
42. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.
- n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
43. Her scientific background led her to be _____ about the existence of a higher power.
- n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
44. The mother was _____ as she searched for her lost child.
- adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
45. The government's treatment of refugees is _____ and violates basic human rights.
- adj.* causing extreme disgust or hatred; completely unacceptable or intolerable

ANSWERS: 39. despise, 40. creationist, 41. vouchsafed, 42. hawk, 43. agnostic, 44. frantic, 45. abhorrent

46. The author's work was forgotten and fell into _____ after his death.
- n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
47. The mob wanted to _____ the suspect before he could be tried in court.
- v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
48. The magician's illusions always managed to _____ the audience.
- v.* to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
49. The _____ group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.
- n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
50. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
- n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
51. He _____ his life to helping others.
- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
52. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 46. oblivion, 47. lynch, 48. enthrall, 49. militant, 50. chant, 51. dedicated, 52. anthropology

53. The latest experimental results have _____ the previous speculation.
v. to say or prove that something is wrong or false
54. Several courses in the theology department delve into the complexities and challenges of contemporary _____.
n. the belief in the existence of a god or gods, often associated with organized religion and the worship of a higher power
55. The _____ old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.
adj. attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
56. The newborn baby was _____ in a ceremony at the church.
v. to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
57. Many scientists believe a layer of _____ in the geologic record points to an ancient asteroid impact.
n. a chemical element with the symbol Ir and atomic number 77, which is a hard, brittle, and silvery-white transition metal of the platinum group, often used in certain high-temperature applications like spark plugs or crucibles for crystal growth
58. Her _____ obedience to her parents' rules sometimes led to trouble.
adj. accepting, believing, or obeying without hesitation or doubt; uncritical or unthinking; not inclined to challenge or question authority or beliefs
59. The _____ palace was a grand and imposing structure.
adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

ANSWERS: 53. refuted, 54. theism, 55. quaint, 56. christened, 57. iridium, 58. unquestioning, 59. papal

60. The ceramic _____ shattered on the kitchen floor when I accidentally dropped it.

- n.* a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal

61. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

- v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

62. The _____ monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

- adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

63. The company has been _____ with financial difficulties since the market downturn.

- v.* to surround, harass, or besiege with difficulties or problems; to subject to constant or repeated trouble or suffering

64. The _____ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

- adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

65. The light emitted by _____ gas is often used in advertising signs.

- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Ar that is a colorless, odorless, and inert gas, often used in welding and other industrial processes

66. Her unconcealed _____ made us unpleasant.

- n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

ANSWERS: 60. teapot, 61. dread, 62. devout, 63. beleaguered, 64. supernatural, 65. argon, 66. hostility

67. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
68. The media has been _____ the politician for his controversial statements.
v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
69. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.
adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
70. The rousing speech by the politician _____ the audience to action.
v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
71. The government issued a decree to _____ new laws regarding environmental conservation.
v. to make known or announce officially; to publicly declare or communicate a law, rule, belief, or idea
72. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
73. The _____ sting left a painful rash on my arm.
n. a herbaceous plant with stinging hairs that cause a sharp, prickly sensation upon contact; a person or thing that irritates or annoys
74. The scary movie gave me a _____ of fear, sending shivers down my spine.
n. a sudden intense feeling or thrill, often accompanied by shivers or goosebumps, typically brought on by excitement, anticipation, or a strong emotional response

ANSWERS: 67. writ, 68. vilifying, 69. poetic, 70. aroused, 71. promulgate, 72. Christmas, 73. nettle, 74. frisson

75. He is more of a hypocrite than a _____ to be honest.

n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

76. The _____ homeowner diligently saved every penny by reducing energy consumption and conserving water.

adj. excessively frugal or stingy; unwilling to spend money or resources; extremely economical to the point of being overly cautious

77. The feminist _____ criticized traditional models of gender roles and argued for greater equality between the sexes.

n. a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation

78. His actions were a testament to his deep love and _____ for his country.

n. love and loyalty to one's country

79. I am studying _____ in medical school because I love working with children.

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

80. I will _____ these old clothes to the donation bin.

v. to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use

81. God _____ you should regret your marriage.

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

ANSWERS: 75. patriot, 76. parsimonious, 77. theorist, 78. patriotism, 79. pediatrics, 80. consign, 81. forbid

82. The _____ work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.
- n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
83. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
- v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
84. The convention was a gathering of thinkers discussing _____ in contemporary society.
- n.* the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity
85. The military _____ troops to the border.
- v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
86. It would be _____ for him to alter his behavior.
- adj.* hard to imagine or believe
87. The bodybuilder's _____ arms showcased his strength and dedication to fitness.
- adj.* characterized by strong and lean muscles; having well-developed and prominent muscles; tough and strong, often referring to physical strength or appearance
88. The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her _____.
- adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

ANSWERS: 82. miller's, 83. preached, 84. atheism, 85. mobilized, 86. inconceivable, 87. sinewy, 88. hysterical

89. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
- n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
90. I need to _____ my statement because I realized it was incorrect.
- v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
91. Her influence on teenagers is _____.
- adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
92. The voices of the political and academic _____ dominated the debate.
- n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits
93. All members strictly followed the _____ of the organization.
- n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
94. The number of tourists in the city now _____ the locals.
- v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
95. A suspected _____ in the neighborhood has caused worry among parents
- n.* a person who is sexually attracted to children, particularly those under the age of 13; a person who engages in sexual activity with children
96. Her _____ attitude caused tension in the workplace.
- adj.* characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground

ANSWERS: 89. dinosaur, 90. retract, 91. undeniable, 92. intelligentsia, 93. dogma, 94. outnumber, 95. pedophile, 96. confrontational

97. His behavior is _____ to bullying and will not be tolerated.

adj. equivalent in value, significance, or effect to something else; virtually equal to or interchangeable with something else

98. He _____ chose not to take any risks before the important exam.

adv. done with careful consideration or thought; deliberately or intentionally

99. The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of _____ as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

n. a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

100. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

101. The new student's exceptional talent in mathematics _____ his classmates.

v. to impress or influence someone through the use of power, authority, or an overwhelming presence; to intimidate or awe someone into submission or compliance

102. I accidentally _____ up the reports and need help to tell which.

v. to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos

103. In medieval times, people believed that the _____ horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.

n. a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

104. The secretary's _____ was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

ANSWERS: 97. tantamount, 98. advisedly, 99. naturalism, 100. atheist, 101.

overawed, 102. muddled, 103. unicorn, 104. shorthand

105. His _____ behavior at the office party led to his suspension.
adj. not suitable or fitting for a particular role, position, or character; inappropriate or inappropriate in behavior, appearance, or manner
106. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
107. I had to _____ down to pick up the coin that had rolled under the couch.
v. to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially
108. The extra funding for the project was a _____ and allowed us to complete it on time.
n. something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial
109. Death gets more than its share of attention from _____.
n. an expert or student who studies theology
110. The _____ counselor encouraged her clients to focus on their growth and well-being.
n. a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
111. Scientists _____ that gravity plays a major role in the universe's formation.
v. to suggest or assume the existence, truth, or necessity of something, typically as a basis for reasoning or further investigation
112. _____ I know the answer to that question.
adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

ANSWERS: 105. unbecoming, 106. Jewish, 107. stoop, 108. godsend, 109. theologians, 110. humanist, 111. postulate, 112. Incidentally,

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

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

114. The _____ acid ate away at the metal pipes.

adj. having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive

115. The new tax law caused a _____ among small business owners.

n. a state of great excitement, public outrage, or public anger over something

116. The _____ description of a website is an important element for search engine optimization.

adj. pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements

ANSWERS: 113. socioeconomic, 114. corrosive, 115. furor, 116. meta