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Session 1: Word List

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

archaic

adj. old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history

synonym : ancient, antique, old-fashioned

(1) **archaic** humans, (2) seem somewhat **archaic**

He deliberately read picture books in an **archaic** way to please the children.

leadership

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

synonym : captaincy, direction, initiative

(1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians

The country's **leadership** has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym : administration, government, system

(1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym : change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

fairly

adv. to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner

synonym : moderately, reasonably, pretty

(1) **fairly** accurate, (2) have a **fairly** clear view

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

gram

n. a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram

(1) centimeter- **gram-second** system, (2) **gram** amount

How much is it per one hundred **grams**?

workbook

n. a book used to practice and reinforce lessons or exercises, especially in a school or educational setting
synonym : exercise book, manual

(1) **workbook** exercise, (2) language **workbook**

I have to complete the exercises in the **workbook** before the next class.

scholarship

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

synonym : grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**

She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym : equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

comparison

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

synonym : equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the

girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym : luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

heading

n. a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading

synonym : title, caption, label

(1) chapter **heading**, (2) **heading** font

She carefully reviewed the **heading** of each section before diving into the research paper.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym : go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

replicate

v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

synonym : duplicate, imitate, reproduce

(1) **replicate** the cell, (2) **replicate** data

The experiment was **replicated** several times to ensure accuracy.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym : art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

synonym : raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

principal

adj. most important, main, or chief

synonym : main, leading, chief

(1) **principal** actor, (2) **principal** responsible

The **principal** reason for the company's success is its innovative products.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym : execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to

control the financial crisis.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

specify

v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly

synonym: establish, pinpoint, identify

(1) **specify** a cause, (2) **specify** an option

You can **specify** the font color by clicking the Color tab.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym : change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

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.

capable

adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise

synonym : able, competent, proficient

(1) **capable** worker, (2) **capable** leader

She is highly **capable** of handling multiple tasks at once.

elementary

adj. relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects

synonym : fundamental, basic, primary

(1) **elementary** math, (2) **elementary** level

Elementary school students must learn basic math and reading skills.

toilet

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

synonym : bathroom, lavatory, washroom

(1) **toilet** paper, (2) **toilet** seat

She walked to the **toilet** to freshen up before the meeting.

supervise

v. to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility

synonym : oversee, manage, control

(1) **supervise** entrance test takers, (2) **supervise** team activity

She was asked to **supervise** the construction project.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

deposit

n. a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

synonym : bank, installment, sedimentation

(1) **deposit** money, (2) **deposit** accumulation

I made a **deposit** at the bank to add money to my account.

midday

n. noon; twelve o'clock in the middle of the day

synonym : noon, meridian, noontime

(1) **midday** meal, (2) **midday** glare of the sun

We usually have a lunch meeting at **midday**.

stud

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a

male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock;
(verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

synonym: beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

supervisor

n. a person who oversees or directs the work of others

synonym: manager, boss, overseer

(1) **supervisor** of elections, (2) immediate **supervisor**

I have to check with my **supervisor** before making any changes.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

enroll

v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

synonym: register, enlist, join

(1) **enroll** at a college, (2) **enroll** in a school

I need to **enroll** in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack
The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

implicit

adj. suggested but not directly expressed

synonym : implied, unstated, hinted

(1) **implicit** bias, (2) give **implicit** consent

The **implicit** meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.

executor

n. a person appointed by a court to carry out the instructions of a will; a person who produces or enforces something or causes it to come into use

synonym : administrator, trustee, executrix

(1) testamentary **executor**, (2) appointed **executor**

The will **executor** was responsible for distributing the assets to the beneficiaries.

explicit

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

synonym : clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

(1) **explicit** content, (2) **explicit** instructions

The movie had an **explicit** sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym : proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

attendance

n. the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering

synonym : presence, participation, appearance

(1) **attendance** sheet, (2) low **attendance**

Attendance at the meeting is mandatory for all employees.

measured

adj. done with careful consideration or calculated precision; controlled or regulated in manner or speech; deliberate and thoughtful

synonym : calculated, deliberate, thought-out

(1) **measured** analysis, (2) **measured** tone of voice

Her **measured** response to the criticism showed her ability to remain calm and composed under pressure.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

delve

v. to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

synonym : dig, excavate, uncover

(1) **delve** deeper, (2) **delve** into documents

Researchers must **delve** into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym : center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

determinant

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

synonym : cause, factor, element

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

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

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym: aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym : base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

expertise

n. specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge

synonym : knowledge, skill, mastery

(1) marketing **expertise**, (2) demonstrate **expertise**

The company's success can be attributed to the **expertise** of its employees.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym : work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

scalable

adj. capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

synonym : expandable, flexible, adjustable

(1) **scalable** solution, (2) dynamically **scalable**

The company's new software is highly **scalable**, allowing it to

handle increasing number of users.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym : claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

hands-on

adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

synonym : practical, involved, hands-in

(1) **hands-on** activity, (2) take a **hands-on** approach

The **hands-on** workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym : learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

bead

n. a small, usually round object made of glass, wood, or plastic that is used for decoration or as part of jewelry

synonym : pearl, droplet, marble

(1) a beautiful **bead**, (2) **bead** curtain

She threaded the **beads** onto the string to make a necklace.

rod

n. a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment

synonym : stick, wand, staff

(1) **rod** cell, (2) curtain **rod**

He used a fishing **rod** to catch the biggest fish of the day.

abacus

n. a counting device consisting of a frame with rods or wires on which beads or stones are moved to perform arithmetic calculations

synonym : bead frame, counting frame

(1) **abacus** calculations, (2) wooden **abacus** beads

The child was learning how to use an **abacus** in her math class.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

eureka

n. exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight

synonym : discovery, breakthrough, aha moment

(1) have a **eureka** moment, (2) shout "**eureka!**"

"**Eureka!**" he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym : education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym : helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym : creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative**

industries.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym : series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym : absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

wildfire

n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

synonym: blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

clarification

n. the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid

synonym : explanation, description, resolution

(1) **clarification** of the issue, (2) sewage **clarification**

For **clarification** of the discussion, he prepared supporting materials.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

instantaneous

adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

synonym : immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message

The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym : estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

systemic

adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

(1) the **systemic** arteries, (2) **systemic** reforms of the organization

This vaccine causes mild **systemic** side effects.

large-scale

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

synonym : big, massive, grand

(1) **large-scale** project, (2) **large-scale** agriculture

The company is planning to make a **large-scale** expansion of its factory.

independence

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

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym : hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym : one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

statistics

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

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

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

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sewage cla_____ion
n. the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid
2. ex_____it instructions
adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
3. lar_____le agriculture
adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
4. appointed ex_____or
n. a person appointed by a court to carry out the instructions of a will; a person who produces or enforces something or causes it to come into use
5. pr_____al responsible
adj. most important, main, or chief
6. mi_____y glare of the sun
n. noon; twelve o'clock in the middle of the day
7. sp_____y an option
v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly
8. financial a_d
n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
9. di_____s options
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
10. the im_____te past
adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
11. di_____s solutions
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 1. clarification, 2. explicit, 3. large-scale, 4. executor, 5. principal, 6. midday, 7. specify, 8. aid, 9. discuss, 10. immediate, 11. discuss

12. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
13. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
14. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
15. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
16. wooden ab____s beads *n.* a counting device consisting of a frame with rods or wires on which beads or stones are moved to perform arithmetic calculations
17. in_____le of being resisted *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
18. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
19. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
20. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
21. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
22. he_____g font *n.* a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading

ANSWERS: 12. branch, 13. definitely, 14. specific, 15. decline, 16. abacus, 17. incapable, 18. technique, 19. environment, 20. conversation, 21. communicate, 22. heading

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| 23. give im_____it consent | <i>adj.</i> suggested but not directly expressed |
| 24. environmental det_____nt | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 25. im_____e a process | <i>v.</i> to make or become better |
| 26. su_____se entrance test takers | <i>v.</i> to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility |
| 27. di_____e the cake into two pieces | <i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups |
| 28. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s | <i>v.</i> to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again |
| 29. cr__t manufacture | <i>n.</i> an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands |
| 30. di_____e money equally | <i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups |
| 31. eve_____ly become obsolete | <i>adv.</i> finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on |
| 32. manually op_____e a machine | <i>v.</i> to work in a particular way; to supervise something |
| 33. sc_____le solution | <i>adj.</i> capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands |
| 34. the c__e of an apple | <i>n.</i> the most essential or fundamental part of something |
| 35. students at all gr__e levels | <i>n.</i> a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc. |

ANSWERS: 23. implicit, 24. determinant, 25. improve, 26. supervise, 27. divide, 28. recreate, 29. craft, 30. divide, 31. eventually, 32. operate, 33. scalable, 34. core, 35. grade

36. ex____it content *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
37. g__m amount *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
38. spe_____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
39. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
40. de_____t money *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
41. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
42. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
43. centimeter-g__m-second system *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
44. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 36. explicit, 37. gram, 38. spectacular, 39. eventually, 40. deposit, 41. achieve, 42. communicate, 43. gram, 44. debate

45. chapter he_____g *n.* a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading
46. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
47. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
48. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
49. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
50. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
51. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
52. r_d cell *n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
53. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
54. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
55. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
56. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 45. heading, 46. transform, 47. craft, 48. transform, 49. fundamental, 50. immediately, 51. concept, 52. rod, 53. recover, 54. bias, 55. comparison, 56. background

57. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
58. de__e into documents *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
59. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
60. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
61. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
62. stylistically inn____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
63. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
64. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
65. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
66. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
67. la__h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 57. pilot, 58. delve, 59. amazing, 60. headquarter, 61. hire, 62. innovative, 63. instruction, 64. process, 65. quarter, 66. government, 67. launch

68. im____it bias *adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
69. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
70. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
71. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
72. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
73. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
74. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
75. testamentary ex____or *n.* a person appointed by a court to carry out the instructions of a will; a person who produces or enforces something or causes it to come into use
76. ca_____e leader *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
77. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
78. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
79. ha_____on activity *adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

ANSWERS: 68. implicit, 69. independence, 70. quest, 71. absolutely, 72. launch, 73. amazing, 74. experiment, 75. executor, 76. capable, 77. statistics, 78. immediately, 79. hands-on

80. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
81. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
82. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
83. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
84. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
85. shout "eu___a!" *n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
86. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
87. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 80. stud, 81. innovation, 82. monitor, 83. heartbreak, 84. debate, 85. eureka, 86. context, 87. chain

88. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
89. arson-caused wi_____re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
90. in_____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
91. wo_____ok exercise *n.* a book used to practice and reinforce lessons or exercises, especially in a school or educational setting
92. re_____te data *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
93. low att_____ce *n.* the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
94. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
95. de_____t accumulation *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
96. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
97. ele_____ry math *adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects

ANSWERS: 88. decline, 89. wildfire, 90. indicate, 91. workbook, 92. replicate, 93. attendance, 94. operate, 95. deposit, 96. smartphone, 97. elementary

98. college sch_____ip *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
99. sp_____y a cause *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
100. curtain r_d *n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
101. have a fa___y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
102. to ___t paper *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
103. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
104. in_____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
105. a sch_____ip association *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
106. re_____te the cell *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

ANSWERS: 98. scholarship, 99. specify, 100. rod, 101. fairly, 102. toilet, 103. memorize, 104. indicate, 105. scholarship, 106. replicate

107. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
108. me____ed tone of voice *adj.* done with careful consideration or calculated precision; controlled or regulated in manner or speech; deliberate and thoughtful
109. arbitrary bur____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
110. b__d curtain *n.* a small, usually round object made of glass, wood, or plastic that is used for decoration or as part of jewelry
111. re____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
112. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
113. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
114. a beautiful b__d *n.* a small, usually round object made of glass, wood, or plastic that is used for decoration or as part of jewelry

ANSWERS: 107. stick, 108. measured, 109. bureaucracy, 110. bead, 111. recruit, 112. stick, 113. lever, 114. bead

115. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
116. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
117. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
118. the sy_____ic arteries *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
119. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
120. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
121. language wo_____ok *n.* a book used to practice and reinforce lessons or exercises, especially in a school or educational setting
122. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
123. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
124. sup_____or of elections *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
125. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

ANSWERS: 115. concept, 116. context, 117. independence, 118. systemic, 119. statistics, 120. comparison, 121. workbook, 122. peer, 123. core, 124. supervisor, 125. pilot

126. un___e design	<i>adj.</i> being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
127. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog	<i>n.</i> a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
128. use of inn_____ve technology	<i>adj.</i> introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
129. drunk and in_____le	<i>adj.</i> unable to do, control, or achieve something
130. a qu_____r mile	<i>n.</i> one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
131. lea_____ip by politicians	<i>n.</i> the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
132. de___e on a course of action	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
133. br_____nt idea	<i>adj.</i> extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
134. fa___y accurate	<i>adv.</i> to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
135. a un___e teacher	<i>adj.</i> being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
136. a con_____ly innovative enterprise	<i>adv.</i> all the time
137. fairly ty_____l symptoms	<i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
138. improved student ou_____es	<i>n.</i> the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
139. demonstrate ex_____se	<i>n.</i> specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge

ANSWERS: 126. unique, 127. transformation, 128. innovative, 129. incapable, 130. quarter, 131. leadership, 132. decide, 133. brilliant, 134. fairly, 135. unique, 136. constantly, 137. typical, 138. outcome, 139. expertise

140. a desirable ou____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
141. mo____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
142. re____m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
143. shopping re____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
144. as____s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
145. sc____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
146. fun____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
147. ins____ous reaction *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
148. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
149. take im____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
150. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 140. outcome, 141. monitor, 142. reform, 143. reward, 144. assess, 145. scratch, 146. fundamental, 147. instantaneous, 148. lever, 149. immediate, 150. specific

151. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
152. en___l in a school *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
153. lar_____le project *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
154. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
155. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
156. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
157. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
158. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
159. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
160. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 151. brilliant, 152. enroll, 153. large-scale, 154. grade, 155. improve, 156. recreate, 157. foundation, 158. environment, 159. addition, 160. decide

161. series of exp_____nts
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
162. follow his ins_____ons
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
163. under his lea_____ip
n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
164. de__e deeper
v. to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
165. take a ha_____on approach
adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
166. b__s against a big company
n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
167. dynamically sc_____le
adj. capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands
168. the re____d for good works
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
169. school di_____cts
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
170. former co_____ue
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
171. abs_____ly against
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
172. his conclusion was ob_____s
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
173. sc_____h my signature
v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

ANSWERS: 161. experiment, 162. instruction, 163. leadership, 164. delve, 165. hands-on, 166. bias, 167. scalable, 168. reward, 169. district, 170. colleague, 171. absolutely, 172. obvious, 173. scratch

174. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
175. to___t seat *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
176. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
177. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
178. as___s a tax of 10 pounds *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
179. ins_____ous message *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
180. seem somewhat ar____c *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
181. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
182. immediate sup_____or *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
183. re_____t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

ANSWERS: 174. award, 175. toilet, 176. construct, 177. par, 178. assess, 179. instantaneous, 180. archaic, 181. foundation, 182. supervisor, 183. recruit

184. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
185. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
186. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
187. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
188. ab___s calculations *n.* a counting device consisting of a frame with rods or wires on which beads or stones are moved to perform arithmetic calculations
189. have a eu___a moment *n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
190. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
191. su_____se team activity *v.* to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility
192. ele_____ry level *adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects

ANSWERS: 184. ridiculous, 185. branch, 186. government, 187. district, 188. abacus, 189. eureka, 190. process, 191. supervise, 192. elementary

193. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
194. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
195. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
196. pr_____al actor *adj.* most important, main, or chief
197. ar_____c humans *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
198. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
199. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
200. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
201. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
202. mi____y meal *n.* noon; twelve o'clock in the middle of the day
203. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
204. de____t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
205. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

ANSWERS: 193. smartphone, 194. ridiculous, 195. typical, 196. principal, 197. archaic, 198. obvious, 199. constantly, 200. chain, 201. background, 202. midday, 203. memorize, 204. depart, 205. award

206. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
207. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
208. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
209. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
210. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
211. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
212. ca_____e worker *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
213. cla_____ion of the issue *n.* the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid
214. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
215. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
216. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

ANSWERS: 206. achieve, 207. innovation, 208. hire, 209. heartbreak, 210. definitely, 211. quest, 212. capable, 213. clarification, 214. aid, 215. headquarter, 216. bureaucracy

226. the te_____ue applied to construction
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
227. me_____ed analysis
adj. done with careful consideration or calculated precision; controlled or regulated in manner or speech; deliberate and thoughtful
228. collaborate with co_____ues
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
229. cast a tra_____ion spell
n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
230. marketing ex_____se
n. specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge
231. a det_____nt of crop yields
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
232. im_____nt security measures
v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
233. en____l at a college
v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
234. wi_____re spread
n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
235. above p_r performance
n. a state of being equal to someone or something
236. p__r group
n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

ANSWERS: 226. technique, 227. measured, 228. colleague, 229. transformation, 230. expertise, 231. determinant, 232. implement, 233. enroll, 234. wildfire, 235. par, 236. peer

237. sy____ic reforms of the
organization

adj. affecting or related to the whole of
something, especially the human body
or a society

238. att_____ce sheet

n. the act of being present at an event or
gathering; the number of people present
at an event or gathering

ANSWERS: 237. systemic, 238. attendance

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ exercised great care in landing.
n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

2. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

3. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

4. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.
n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

5. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

6. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

7. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better

ANSWERS: 1. pilot, 2. statistics, 3. award, 4. lever, 5. district, 6. discuss, 7. improve

8. He seems _____ of understanding what she says.

adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something

9. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

10. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

11. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

12. For _____ of the discussion, he prepared supporting materials.

n. the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid

13. The experiment was _____ several times to ensure accuracy.

v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

14. The movie had an _____ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

15. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

16. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

ANSWERS: 8. incapable, 9. transformations, 10. declines, 11. colleague, 12. clarification, 13. replicated, 14. explicit, 15. amazing, 16. decide

17. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
18. The will _____ was responsible for distributing the assets to the beneficiaries.
- n.* a person appointed by a court to carry out the instructions of a will; a person who produces or enforces something or causes it to come into use
19. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
20. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
21. She carefully reviewed the _____ of each section before diving into the research paper.
- n.* a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading
22. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
- n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
23. Her _____ response to the criticism showed her ability to remain calm and composed under pressure.
- adj.* done with careful consideration or calculated precision; controlled or regulated in manner or speech; deliberate and thoughtful

ANSWERS: 17. innovation, 18. executor, 19. reform, 20. transformed, 21. heading, 22. headquarters, 23. measured

24. He deals _____ with his employees.

adv. to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner

25. The child was learning how to use an _____ in her math class.

n. a counting device consisting of a frame with rods or wires on which beads or stones are moved to perform arithmetic calculations

26. I have to complete the exercises in the _____ before the next class.

n. a book used to practice and reinforce lessons or exercises, especially in a school or educational setting

27. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

28. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

29. We usually have a lunch meeting at _____.

n. noon; twelve o'clock in the middle of the day

30. I need to _____ in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.

v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

31. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

32. I made a _____ at the bank to add money to my account.

n. a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

ANSWERS: 24. fairly, 25. abacus, 26. workbook, 27. innovative, 28. constantly, 29. midday, 30. enroll, 31. immediate, 32. deposit

33. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

34. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

35. The company's new software is highly _____ allowing it to handle increasing number of users.

adj. capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

36. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

37. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

38. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

39. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

40. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

ANSWERS: 33. divide, 34. specific, 35. scalable, 36. obvious, 37. hire, 38. scratch, 39. concept, 40. operate

41. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
42. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
43. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
44. " _____ he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.
n. exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
45. Pakistan's _____ budget was still being reviewed.
n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
46. Shares in the company finally fell below their _____ value.
n. a state of being equal to someone or something
47. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.
v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
48. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 41. foundation, 42. spectacular, 43. quarter, 44. Eureka!", 45. aid, 46. par, 47. departed, 48. achieve

49. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

50. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

51. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

52. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

53. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

54. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

55. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

56. The country's _____ has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

ANSWERS: 49. outcome, 50. technique, 51. heartbreak, 52. monitor, 53. fundamental, 54. assess, 55. communicate, 56. leadership

57. The new software provides _____ results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

58. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

59. The _____ reason for the company's success is its innovative products.

adj. most important, main, or chief

60. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

61. I have to check with my _____ before making any changes.

n. a person who oversees or directs the work of others

62. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

63. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

64. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

ANSWERS: 57. instantaneous, 58. absolutely, 59. principal, 60. unique, 61. supervisor, 62. rewards, 63. launch, 64. indicates

65. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

66. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

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

67. He deliberately read picture books in an _____ way to please the children.

adj. old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history

68. She walked to the _____ to freshen up before the meeting.

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

69. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

70. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

71. _____ at the meeting is mandatory for all employees.

n. the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering

72. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 65. cores, 66. determinant, 67. archaic, 68. toilet, 69. conversation, 70. chain, 71. Attendance, 72. addition,

73. Researchers must _____ into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.
- v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
74. The _____ workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.
- adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
75. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
76. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
77. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
78. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.
- v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
79. How much is it per one hundred _____
- n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
80. The company's success can be attributed to the _____ of its employees.
- n.* specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge

ANSWERS: 73. delve, 74. hands-on, 75. independence, 76. smartphones, 77. constructs, 78. recovering, 79. grams?, 80. expertise

81. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
82. The _____ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.
n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
83. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
84. _____ school students must learn basic math and reading skills.
adj. relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects
85. She received a full _____ to study abroad.
n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
86. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
87. She threaded the _____ onto the string to make a necklace.
n. a small, usually round object made of glass, wood, or plastic that is used for decoration or as part of jewelry
88. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.
n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 81. craft, 82. wildfire, 83. grade, 84. Elementary, 85. scholarship, 86. brilliant, 87. beads, 88. stud

89. I've included the two designs for a _____.
- n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
90. She is highly _____ of handling multiple tasks at once.
- adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
91. You can _____ the font color by clicking the Color tab.
- v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
92. The company is planning to make a _____ expansion of its factory.
- adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
93. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
94. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
95. This vaccine causes mild _____ side effects.
- adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
96. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv.* now or without delay
97. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.
- n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

ANSWERS: 89. comparison, 90. capable, 91. specify, 92. large-scale, 93. government, 94. eventually, 95. systemic, 96. immediately, 97. bureaucracy

98. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
99. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.
v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
100. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.
v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
101. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
102. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
n. a long or challenging search for something
103. She researched gender _____ in politics.
n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
104. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
105. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.
adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
106. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

ANSWERS: 98. experiments, 99. recruited, 100. memorize, 101. environment, 102. quest, 103. bias, 104. typical, 105. definitely, 106. branch

107. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
108. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
- v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
109. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.
- v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
110. The _____ meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.
- adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
111. She was asked to _____ the construction project.
- v.* to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility
112. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
113. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 107. debate, 108. recreated, 109. implement, 110. implicit, 111. supervise, 112. process, 113. background

114. He used a fishing ____ to catch the biggest fish of the day.

- n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment

115. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

116. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.

- n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

117. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

118. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

- adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

119. Among young people, ____ pressure can be pretty influential.

- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

ANSWERS: 114. rod, 115. context, 116. instruction, 117. stick, 118. ridiculous, 119. peer