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Session 1: Word List

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

proponent

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

synonym: advocate, devotee, follower

(1) enthusiastic **proponent**, (2) **proponent** of world peace

Einstein was a **proponent** of the theory of relativity.

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.

rectify

v. to correct or make right something that is wrong, mistaken, or defective; to remedy or fix a problem or error

synonym: fix, correct, amend

(1) **rectify** a breach of the rules, (2) **rectify** the situation

We need to **rectify** the errors before submitting the report.

galvanize

v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

synonym: energize, invigorate, motivate

(1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

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.

accordion

n. a musical instrument that is played by pressing buttons or keys, causing bellows to expand and compress air over metal reeds, producing sound

synonym: squeezebox, concertina

(1) **accordion** music, (2) an **accordion** pleat

He played a beautiful melody on his **accordion**, charming everyone in the audience.

deconstruct

v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

synonym: break down, interpret, assay

(1) **deconstruct** the existing system, (2) **deconstruct** his method

She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to

deconstruct various categories of literature.

banal

adj. lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar

synonym: trite, mundane, dull

(1) **banal** conversation, (2) **banal** plot

The restaurant's menu had a **banal** selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

divergence

n. the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal

synonym: divergency, deviation, discrepancy

(1) **divergence** angle, (2) ideological **divergence**

The **divergence** in opinions among the team members led to a delay in completing the project.

technocracy

n. a system of government or social organization in which officials or experts in various fields have the primary decision-making power

(1) **technocracy** system, (2) **technocracy** ideology

Critics of **technocracy** argue that it is inherently undemocratic, as it puts the power in the hands of a small, privileged elite.

rationalism

n. a philosophical or theoretical approach that emphasizes the use of reason and logical thinking as the primary source of knowledge and basis for understanding the world, often rejecting or downplaying the role of intuition or faith

synonym:

logic, reason, intellectualism

(1) economic **rationalism**, (2) religious **rationalism**

The university's philosophy department held a series of lectures discussing the influence of **rationalism** in contemporary thought.

ballsy

adj. marked by boldness, courage, or nerve; daring or audacious, often to the point of being aggressive or pushy

synonym: courageous, daring, gutsy

(1) **ballsy** play, (2) **ballsy** attitude

The actress's **ballsy** move to turn down the leading role in the blockbuster paid off when she won an Oscar for her smaller, riskier role.

crave

v. to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

synonym: desire, yearn, long for

(1) **crave** chocolate, (2) **crave** advice from others

She **craves** success and is always pushing herself to do better.

superhighway

n. a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic

synonym: expressway, motorway, artery

(1) six-lane **superhighway**, (2) a tollgate of a **superhighway**

The University provides a wireless Internet **superhighway** to its students.

ricochet

v. to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface

synonym: bounce, rebound, spring

(1) **ricochet** off the walls, (2) **ricochet** into a crowd

The police officer fired a warning shot that **ricocheted** off the pavement and hit a nearby car.

isometric

adj. pertaining to a type of exercise or muscle contraction where there is tension in the muscle but no change in its length or joint angle; pertaining to or characterized by equality of measure

synonym: static, immobile, stationary

(1) **isometric** drawing technique, (2) **isometric** contraction

She performed **isometric** exercises to strengthen her muscles without joint movement.

orthogonal

adj. relating to right angles; perpendicular or independent in nature; unrelated or independent of something else

synonym: perpendicular, right-angled, extraneous

(1) **orthogonal** matrix, (2) **orthogonal** projection

The **orthogonal** lines intersected at a perfect right angle, creating a geometrically pleasing pattern.

jettison

v. to throw away or abandon something, often to lighten a load or to remove something that is no longer needed; to discard or get rid of something

synonym: discard, dump, unload

(1) **jettison** cargo, (2) **jettison** old habits

The spaceship had to **jettison** some of its fuel to lighten its weight for liftoff.

oxymoron

n. a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"

synonym: contradiction in terms, paradox, self-contradiction

(1) **oxymoron** phrase, (2) literary **oxymoron**

"Awfully good" is an **oxymoron** that can be used to describe something that's both bad and good simultaneously.

zillion

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

synonym : countless, myriad

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

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym : worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

lathe

n. a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding

synonym : turning machine, spinner, rotary tool

(1) **lathe** operator, (2) engine **lathe**

The metal **lathe** was an essential piece of machinery in the fabrication workshop.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym : draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

courtyard

n. an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

synonym : patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**

The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

dune

n. a hill or ridge of sand that is formed by the wind and found in deserts, coastal areas, or other locations with loose, sandy soil

synonym : hillock, mound

(1) **dune** ecosystem, (2) coastal **dune**

We climbed the sandy **dune** to get a better view of the ocean.

cabana

n. a small shelter or structure, often located outdoors or near a pool or beach, used for relaxation or as a changing room, which typically provides shade and seating for a small group of people

synonym : beach hut, beach shack

(1) **cabana** rental, (2) beachside **cabana**

We reserved a private **cabana** at the beach club for the entire day.

strut

v. to walk with a proud, stiff, and often exaggerated gait; to bulge or protrude outward, especially in a decorative or showy manner; (noun) a structural component designed to resist pressure or tension

synonym : swagger, parade, prance

(1) **strut** for support, (2) **strut** around the girls

She **strutted** out of the meeting after being challenged on her ideas.

clad

adj. dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance

synonym : dressed, covered, attired

(1) **clad** completely in black, (2) **clad** in armor

The athlete was **clad** in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.

halide

n. a chemical compound that is formed when a halogen (such as chlorine, bromine, fluorine, or iodine) combines with another element, such as a metal, whose examples include sodium chloride (= table salt) and hydrogen fluoride

synonym : salt, bromide, iodide

(1) **halide** compound, (2) lithium **halide**

A **halide** lamp uses various halogen atoms to produce a

bright and efficient light source.

grandeur

n. the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

synonym : splendor, majesty, greatness

(1) natural **grandeur**, (2) lost in **grandeur**

The castle's **grandeur** was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.

woo

v. to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

synonym : court, pursue, charm

(1) **woo** consumers, (2) **woo** voters with promises

He tried to **woo** her with his charm and wit.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym : tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

seaweed

n. a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

synonym : kelp, algae

(1) floating **seaweed**, (2) **seaweed** broth

She soaked **seaweed** in water until tender.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym : crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

sensual

adj. relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure

synonym : sensuous, hedonistic, pleasure-seeking

(1) **sensual** appeal, (2) speak in a **sensual** tone

The room was filled with the **sensual** aroma of incense and flowers.

diver

n. a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

synonym : plunger, frogman, loon

(1) professional **diver**, (2) deep-sea **diver**

The search and rescue team sent a team of **divers** to search for the missing plane wreckage.

horticulture

n. the art or practice of cultivating and growing ornamental plants, fruits, vegetables, or flowers; the science and study of plant cultivation

synonym : gardening, cultivation, farming

(1) urban **horticulture**, (2) sustainable **horticulture**

She studied applied **horticulture** to learn more about plant cultivation and landscaping.

fizz

v. to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles

synonym : fizzle, effervesce, bubble

(1) **fizz** up after the speech, (2) **fizz** with life

The soda began to **fizz** when I opened the can, spilling over the top and onto my shirt.

luscious

adj. pleasing to the taste or smell, rich and delicious

synonym : sweet, rich, tempting

(1) **luscious** taste, (2) have **luscious** eyes

The **luscious** fruit was the perfect ending to a delicious meal.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
2. an ac_____on pleat *n.* a musical instrument that is played by pressing buttons or keys, causing bellows to expand and compress air over metal reeds, producing sound
3. ri_____et into a crowd *v.* to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface
4. ca____a rental *n.* a small shelter or structure, often located outdoors or near a pool or beach, used for relaxation or as a changing room, which typically provides shade and seating for a small group of people
5. je_____on old habits *v.* to throw away or abandon something, often to lighten a load or to remove something that is no longer needed; to discard or get rid of something
6. div_____ce angle *n.* the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal

ANSWERS: 1. blueprint, 2. accordion, 3. ricochet, 4. cabana, 5. jettison, 6. divergence

7. f__z up after the speech *v.* to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles
8. ideological div____ce *n.* the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal
9. w_o consumers *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
10. beachside ca___a *n.* a small shelter or structure, often located outdoors or near a pool or beach, used for relaxation or as a changing room, which typically provides shade and seating for a small group of people
11. tec____cy ideology *n.* a system of government or social organization in which officials or experts in various fields have the primary decision-making power
12. c__d completely in black *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
13. ba___y attitude *adj.* marked by boldness, courage, or nerve; daring or audacious, often to the point of being aggressive or pushy

ANSWERS: 7. fizz, 8. divergence, 9. woo, 10. cabana, 11. technocracy, 12. clad, 13. ballsy

14. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
15. pr_____nt of world peace *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
16. ba__l plot *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
17. enthusiastic pr_____nt *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
18. tec_____cy system *n.* a system of government or social organization in which officials or experts in various fields have the primary decision-making power
19. ba__l conversation *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
20. literary ox_____on *n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"
21. re_____y the situation *v.* to correct or make right something that is wrong, mistaken, or defective; to remedy or fix a problem or error
22. dec_____ct the existing system *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
23. se_____d broth *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

ANSWERS: 14. seduce, 15. proponent, 16. banal, 17. proponent, 18. technocracy, 19. banal, 20. oxymoron, 21. rectify, 22. deconstruct, 23. seaweed

24. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
25. cr__e chocolate *v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
26. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
27. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
28. a zi_____n photos of my childhood *n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
29. ga_____ze the country *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
30. re_____y a breach of the rules *v.* to correct or make right something that is wrong, mistaken, or defective; to remedy or fix a problem or error
31. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
32. is_____ic contraction *adj.* pertaining to a type of exercise or muscle contraction where there is tension in the muscle but no change in its length or joint angle; pertaining to or characterized by equality of measure
33. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 24. writ, 25. crave, 26. seduce, 27. broth, 28. zillion, 29. galvanize, 30. rectify, 31. stark, 32. isometric, 33. optimism

34. sustainable hor_____ure *n.* the art or practice of cultivating and growing ornamental plants, fruits, vegetables, or flowers; the science and study of plant cultivation
35. je_____on cargo *v.* to throw away or abandon something, often to lighten a load or to remove something that is no longer needed; to discard or get rid of something
36. lithium ha_____e *n.* a chemical compound that is formed when a halogen (such as chlorine, bromine, fluorine, or iodine) combines with another element, such as a metal, whose examples include sodium chloride (= table salt) and hydrogen fluoride
37. have lu_____us eyes *adj.* pleasing to the taste or smell, rich and delicious
38. spacious co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
39. d__e ecosystem *n.* a hill or ridge of sand that is formed by the wind and found in deserts, coastal areas, or other locations with loose, sandy soil
40. economic rat_____sm *n.* a philosophical or theoretical approach that emphasizes the use of reason and logical thinking as the primary source of knowledge and basis for understanding the world, often rejecting or downplaying the role of intuition or faith

ANSWERS: 34. horticulture, 35. jettison, 36. halide, 37. luscious, 38. courtyard, 39. dune, 40. rationalism

41. quiet co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
42. ox_____on phrase *n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"
43. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
44. engine la__e *n.* a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding
45. zi_____n possibilities *n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
46. f__z with life *v.* to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles
47. w_o voters with promises *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
48. a tollgate of a sup_____way *n.* a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic
49. speak in a se_____l tone *adj.* relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure

ANSWERS: 41. courtyard, 42. oxymoron, 43. clap, 44. lathe, 45. zillion, 46. fizz, 47. woo, 48. superhighway, 49. sensual

50. is_____ic drawing technique *adj.* pertaining to a type of exercise or muscle contraction where there is tension in the muscle but no change in its length or joint angle; pertaining to or characterized by equality of measure
51. st__t around the girls *v.* to walk with a proud, stiff, and often exaggerated gait; to bulge or protrude outward, especially in a decorative or showy manner; (noun) a structural component designed to resist pressure or tension
52. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
53. religious rat_____sm *n.* a philosophical or theoretical approach that emphasizes the use of reason and logical thinking as the primary source of knowledge and basis for understanding the world, often rejecting or downplaying the role of intuition or faith
54. st__t for support *v.* to walk with a proud, stiff, and often exaggerated gait; to bulge or protrude outward, especially in a decorative or showy manner; (noun) a structural component designed to resist pressure or tension
55. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
56. floating se_____d *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

ANSWERS: 50. isometric, 51. strut, 52. opportune, 53. rationalism, 54. strut, 55. opportune, 56. seaweed

57. six-lane sup_____way *n.* a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic
58. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
59. deep-sea di__r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
60. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
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63. ga_____ze steel *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
64. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
65. urban hor_____ure *n.* the art or practice of cultivating and growing ornamental plants, fruits, vegetables, or flowers; the science and study of plant cultivation
66. lost in gr_____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

ANSWERS: 57. superhighway, 58. writ, 59. diver, 60. stark, 61. lathe, 62. optimism, 63. galvanize, 64. blueprint, 65. horticulture, 66. grandeur

67. coastal d__e *n.* a hill or ridge of sand that is formed by the wind and found in deserts, coastal areas, or other locations with loose, sandy soil
68. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
69. cr__e advice from others *v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
70. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
71. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
72. professional di__r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
73. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
74. lu____us taste *adj.* pleasing to the taste or smell, rich and delicious
75. skilled la____r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
76. ba____y play *adj.* marked by boldness, courage, or nerve; daring or audacious, often to the point of being aggressive or pushy

ANSWERS: 67. dune, 68. clap, 69. crave, 70. broth, 71. headquarter, 72. diver, 73. headquarter, 74. luscious, 75. laborer, 76. ballsy

77. dec_____ct his method *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
78. ha___e compound *n.* a chemical compound that is formed when a halogen (such as chlorine, bromine, fluorine, or iodine) combines with another element, such as a metal, whose examples include sodium chloride (= table salt) and hydrogen fluoride
79. ri_____et off the walls *v.* to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface
80. natural gr_____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
81. la_____r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
82. ort_____al projection *adj.* relating to right angles; perpendicular or independent in nature; unrelated or independent of something else

ANSWERS: 77. deconstruct, 78. halide, 79. ricochet, 80. grandeur, 81. laborer, 82. orthogonal

83. se____l appeal *adj.* relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure
84. ac_____on music *n.* a musical instrument that is played by pressing buttons or keys, causing bellows to expand and compress air over metal reeds, producing sound
85. c__d in armor *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
86. ort_____al matrix *adj.* relating to right angles; perpendicular or independent in nature; unrelated or independent of something else

ANSWERS: 83. sensual, 84. accordion, 85. clad, 86. orthogonal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We reserved a private _____ at the beach club for the entire day.
 - n.* a small shelter or structure, often located outdoors or near a pool or beach, used for relaxation or as a changing room, which typically provides shade and seating for a small group of people

2. The university's philosophy department held a series of lectures discussing the influence of _____ in contemporary thought.
 - n.* a philosophical or theoretical approach that emphasizes the use of reason and logical thinking as the primary source of knowledge and basis for understanding the world, often rejecting or downplaying the role of intuition or faith

3. Critics of _____ argue that it is inherently undemocratic, as it puts the power in the hands of a small, privileged elite.
 - n.* a system of government or social organization in which officials or experts in various fields have the primary decision-making power

4. She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to _____ various categories of literature.
 - v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

5. She studied applied _____ to learn more about plant cultivation and landscaping.
 - n.* the art or practice of cultivating and growing ornamental plants, fruits, vegetables, or flowers; the science and study of plant cultivation

ANSWERS: 1. cabana, 2. rationalism, 3. technocracy, 4. deconstruct, 5. horticulture

6. He played a beautiful melody on his _____ charming everyone in the audience.
- n.* a musical instrument that is played by pressing buttons or keys, causing bellows to expand and compress air over metal reeds, producing sound
7. The police officer fired a warning shot that _____ off the pavement and hit a nearby car.
- v.* to rebound or deflect off a surface at an angle or series of angles, changing direction multiple times; to have a sudden and unintended effect or outcome; (noun) the motion of an object or a projectile that is deflected off a surface
8. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.
- adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
9. The _____ fruit was the perfect ending to a delicious meal.
- adj.* pleasing to the taste or smell, rich and delicious
10. The company received a _____ complaints about their faulty product.
- n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
11. She soaked _____ in water until tender.
- n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
12. The restaurant's menu had a _____ selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.
- adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar

ANSWERS: 6. accordion, 7. ricocheted, 8. stark, 9. luscious, 10. zillion, 11. seaweed, 12. banal

13. The actress's _____ move to turn down the leading role in the blockbuster paid off when she won an Oscar for her smaller, riskier role.

adj. marked by boldness, courage, or nerve; daring or audacious, often to the point of being aggressive or pushy

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

n. a written legal order or command

15. The athlete was _____ in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.

adj. dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance

16. She performed _____ exercises to strengthen her muscles without joint movement.

adj. pertaining to a type of exercise or muscle contraction where there is tension in the muscle but no change in its length or joint angle; pertaining to or characterized by equality of measure

17. The search and rescue team sent a team of _____ to search for the missing plane wreckage.

n. a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

18. She _____ out of the meeting after being challenged on her ideas.

v. to walk with a proud, stiff, and often exaggerated gait; to bulge or protrude outward, especially in a decorative or showy manner; (noun) a structural component designed to resist pressure or tension

ANSWERS: 13. ballsy, 14. writ, 15. clad, 16. isometric, 17. divers, 18. strutted

19. The University provides a wireless Internet _____ to its students.
n. a large, wide road designed for high-speed traffic
20. The spaceship had to _____ some of its fuel to lighten its weight for liftoff.
v. to throw away or abandon something, often to lighten a load or to remove something that is no longer needed; to discard or get rid of something
21. A _____ lamp uses various halogen atoms to produce a bright and efficient light source.
n. a chemical compound that is formed when a halogen (such as chlorine, bromine, fluorine, or iodine) combines with another element, such as a metal, whose examples include sodium chloride (= table salt) and hydrogen fluoride
22. A business plan is a _____ for your success.
n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
23. The soda began to _____ when I opened the can, spilling over the top and onto my shirt.
v. to make a hissing or bubbling sound, often accompanied by the release of gas or effervescence; to be lively, exciting, or effervescent in character or atmosphere; (noun) the sound, process, or result of something producing small bubbles
24. We climbed the sandy _____ to get a better view of the ocean.
n. a hill or ridge of sand that is formed by the wind and found in deserts, coastal areas, or other locations with loose, sandy soil
25. She _____ success and is always pushing herself to do better.
v. to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

ANSWERS: 19. superhighway, 20. jettison, 21. halide, 22. blueprint, 23. fizz, 24. dune, 25. craves

26. He tried to ____ her with his charm and wit.

- v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

27. The motivational speech _____ the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

- v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

28. Einstein was a _____ of the theory of relativity.

- n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

29. "Awfully good" is an _____ that can be used to describe something that's both bad and good simultaneously.

- n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"

30. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.

- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

31. The _____ in opinions among the team members led to a delay in completing the project.

- n.* the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal

32. The hotel's beautiful _____ was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

- n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

ANSWERS: 26. woo, 27. galvanized, 28. proponent, 29. oxymoron, 30. broth, 31. divergence, 32. courtyard

33. The construction site hired many _____ to help with the heavy lifting.
n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
34. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. The metal _____ was an essential piece of machinery in the fabrication workshop.
n. a machine tool that rotates a workpiece on its axis to perform various operations, such as cutting, drilling, or sanding
36. The castle's _____ was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.
n. the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
37. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
38. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
39. The _____ lines intersected at a perfect right angle, creating a geometrically pleasing pattern.
adj. relating to right angles; perpendicular or independent in nature; unrelated or independent of something else

ANSWERS: 33. laborers, 34. opportune, 35. lathe, 36. grandeur, 37. optimism, 38. headquarters, 39. orthogonal

40. We _____ along with the singer's song.

- v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

41. We need to _____ the errors before submitting the report.

- v. to correct or make right something that is wrong, mistaken, or defective; to remedy or fix a problem or error

42. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.

- v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

43. The room was filled with the _____ aroma of incense and flowers.

- adj. relating to or consisting in the gratification of the senses or the indulgence of physical pleasure

ANSWERS: 40. clapped, 41. rectify, 42. seduce, 43. sensual