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Session 1: Word List

genie

n. in Islamic mythology, a supernatural spirit that is usually depicted as being bound to serve a human master and possessing magical powers; a creature or a force that can grant wishes or fulfill desires

synonym : djinn, spirit, demon

(1) **genie** bottle, (2) **genie** lamp

No one believed in the **genie's** existence until he appeared in front of them.

pageant

n. a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition

synonym : parade, spectacle, show

(1) **pageant** queen, (2) national **pageant**

The beauty **pageant** contestants all looked stunning in their gowns.

dotcom

n. a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry

synonym : website, online business, e-commerce

(1) successful **dotcom**, (2) **dotcom** millionaire

The **dotcom** boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.

donna

n. (also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance

synonym: woman, lady, female

(1) prima **donna** attitude, (2) prima **donna** personality

Her prima **donna** behavior on the movie set was well known, making it difficult for directors to work with her.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

wed

v. to marry someone

synonym: marry, get hitched with

(1) **wed** my intended, (2) **wed** the rich man

The couple will **wed** after the tenth anniversary.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

donkey

n. a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person

synonym : horse, burro, mule

(1) male **donkey**, (2) **donkey** ride

The little boy rode the **donkey** at the county fair.

stint

n. a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity

synonym : period, job, activity

(1) **stint** of work, (2) prison **stint**

He took a short **stint** as a teacher before returning to law practice.

surreal

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

synonym : dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

mouthpiece

n. the part of a wind instrument that the player blows into; a device or object that is used for communication or expression

synonym : nozzle, outlet, conduit

(1) the **mouthpiece** of the government, (2) the **mouthpiece** of a saxophone

He spoke into the **mouthpiece** of the microphone.

gory

adj. involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic

synonym : bloody, gruesome, macabre

(1) **gory** accident, (2) **gory** details

The horror movie was filled with **gory** scenes that shocked and disturbed the audience.

strew

v. to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way

synonym : scatter, sprinkle, disperse

(1) **strew** the room with balloons, (2) **strew** garbage

The wind **strew** the leaves all over the lawn.

revolting

adj. causing strong disgust or repugnance; obscene, offensive, or morally unappealing

synonym : disgusting, repulsive, nauseating

(1) **revolting** sight, (2) **revolting** behavior

The sight and smell of the rotting garbage were **revolting**.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym : shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

savior

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

synonym: hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

martyr

n. a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs

synonym: sufferer, saint

(1) X-ray **martyrs**, (2) a Christian **martyr**

He died a **martyr** to science.

forbid

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

synonym: prohibit, ban, outlaw

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

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

bitterness

n. a strong and persistent feeling of resentment, hostility, or anger; a state of being bitter or having a sour taste; the quality or taste of something sharp or unpleasant

synonym : resentment, acrimony, hostility

(1) lingering **bitterness**, (2) underlying **bitterness**

The **bitterness** they felt towards each other prevented any chance of reconciliation.

alibi

n. a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved

synonym : excuse, defense, justification

(1) airtight **alibi**, (2) provide an **alibi**

The suspect claimed to have an **alibi** at the time of the crime, but the evidence proved otherwise.

siren

n. a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger

synonym : alarm, warning, alert

(1) fire truck **siren**, (2) police **siren**

I heard the **siren** of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym : victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

megaphone

n. a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds

synonym : loud hailer, bullhorn, amplification system

(1) **megaphone** announcement, (2) **megaphone** protest

The coach used a **megaphone** to communicate with his team during the game.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

headmaster

n. the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management

synonym : principal, headmistress, director

(1) **headmaster** position, (2) former **headmaster**

The school's **headmaster** announced the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather.

apartheid

n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

synonym : segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym : teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym: builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

alto

n. the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone

synonym: contralto, countertenor, soprano

(1) **alto** saxophone, (2) an **alto** solo

The **alto** singer had a unique and powerful voice.

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

landmass

n. a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota

synonym: continent, mainland, landform

(1) large **landmass**, (2) continental **landmass**

Australia is the world's smallest continent by **landmass**.

intangible

n. not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp

synonym: abstract, immaterial

(1) **intangible** asset, (2) **intangible** property rights

The **intangible** qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.

Session 2: Spelling

1. military ca____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
2. an a__o solo *n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone
3. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
4. male do____y *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
5. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
6. do____y ride *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
7. prison st__t *n.* a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity
8. large la_____ss *n.* a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota
9. ap_____id system *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

ANSWERS: 1. casualty, 2. alto, 3. troop, 4. donkey, 5. singe, 6. donkey, 7. stint, 8. landmass, 9. apartheid

10. do a bra_____ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
11. st__t of work *n.* a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity
12. ho_____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
13. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
14. former hea_____er *n.* the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management
15. do____m millionaire *n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
16. pray to the sa____r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
17. underlying bit_____ss *n.* a strong and persistent feeling of resentment, hostility, or anger; a state of being bitter or having a sour taste; the quality or taste of something sharp or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 10. brainstorming, 11. stint, 12. horrify, 13. singe, 14. headmaster, 15. dotcom, 16. savior, 17. bitterness

18. li____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
19. ge__e lamp *n.* in Islamic mythology, a supernatural spirit that is usually depicted as being bound to serve a human master and possessing magical powers; a creature or a force that can grant wishes or fulfill desires
20. st__w garbage *v.* to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way
21. ap_____id policies *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
22. national pa_____t *n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition
23. civilian ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
24. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
25. li____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
26. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 18. liberate, 19. genie, 20. strew, 21. apartheid, 22. pageant, 23. casualty, 24. narrator, 25. liberate, 26. stereotype

27. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
28. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
29. fo___d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
30. the mou_____ce of a saxophone *n.* the part of a wind instrument that the player blows into; a device or object that is used for communication or expression
31. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
32. hea_____er position *n.* the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management
33. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
34. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
35. g__y accident *adj.* involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic

ANSWERS: 27. excite, 28. confer, 29. forbid, 30. mouthpiece, 31. redefine, 32. headmaster, 33. passe, 34. pun, 35. gory

36. a Christian ma___r *n.* a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs
37. a car-wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
38. me_____ne announcement *n.* a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds
39. a__o saxophone *n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone
40. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
41. lingering bit_____ss *n.* a strong and persistent feeling of resentment, hostility, or anger; a state of being bitter or having a sour taste; the quality or taste of something sharp or unpleasant
42. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
43. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
44. g__y details *adj.* involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic

ANSWERS: 36. martyr, 37. wright, 38. megaphone, 39. alto, 40. vaccinate, 41. bitterness, 42. narrator, 43. excite, 44. gory

45. w_d the rich man	v.	to marry someone
46. ov_____lm opponents by numbers	v.	to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
47. me_____ne protest	n.	a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds
48. bra_____ing session	n.	a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
49. d__y gravity	v.	to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
50. int_____le asset	n.	not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
51. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude	v.	to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
52. re_____ne our role	v.	to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
53. gr__t an idea	v.	to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
54. prima do__a attitude	n.	(also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance

ANSWERS: 45. wed, 46. overwhelm, 47. megaphone, 48. brainstorming, 49. defy, 50. intangible, 51. overwhelm, 52. redefine, 53. greet, 54. donna

55. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
56. fo___d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
57. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
58. prima do__a personality *n.* (also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance
59. int_____le property rights *n.* not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
60. the mou_____ce of the government *n.* the part of a wind instrument that the player blows into; a device or object that is used for communication or expression
61. provide an al__i *n.* a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved
62. fire truck si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
63. re_____ng sight *adj.* causing strong disgust or repugnance; obscene, offensive, or morally unappealing

ANSWERS: 55. confer, 56. forbid, 57. troop, 58. donna, 59. intangible, 60. mouthpiece, 61. alibi, 62. siren, 63. revolting

64. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
65. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
66. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
67. st__w the room with balloons *v.* to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way
68. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
69. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
70. airtight al__i *n.* a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved
71. continental la_____ss *n.* a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota
72. pa_____t queen *n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition

ANSWERS: 64. greet, 65. stereotype, 66. pun, 67. strew, 68. passe, 69. defy, 70. alibi, 71. landmass, 72. pageant

73. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
74. police si__n *n.* a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
75. X-ray ma____rs *n.* a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs
76. w_d my intended *v.* to marry someone
77. ge__e bottle *n.* in Islamic mythology, a supernatural spirit that is usually depicted as being bound to serve a human master and possessing magical powers; a creature or a force that can grant wishes or fulfill desires
78. su_____l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
79. political sa____r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
80. aircraft wr____t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
81. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

ANSWERS: 73. filmmaker, 74. siren, 75. martyr, 76. wed, 77. genie, 78. surreal, 79. savior, 80. wright, 81. vaccinate

82. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
83. re_____ng behavior *adj.* causing strong disgust or repugnance; obscene, offensive, or morally unappealing
84. ho_____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
85. successful do___m *n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
86. su_____l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

ANSWERS: 82. filmmaker, 83. revolting, 84. horrify, 85. dotcom, 86. surreal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The coach used a _____ to communicate with his team during the game.
n. a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds

2. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

3. He spoke into the _____ of the microphone.
n. the part of a wind instrument that the player blows into; a device or object that is used for communication or expression

4. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.
n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

5. Australia is the world's smallest continent by _____.
n. a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota

6. The suspect claimed to have an _____ at the time of the crime, but the evidence proved otherwise.
n. a claim or piece of evidence that shows an individual was elsewhere at the time a crime or offense was committed and thus could not have been involved

7. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

ANSWERS: 1. megaphone, 2. overwhelm, 3. mouthpiece, 4. casualty, 5. landmass, 6. alibi, 7. vaccinated

8. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
9. No one believed in the _____ existence until he appeared in front of them.
- n.* in Islamic mythology, a supernatural spirit that is usually depicted as being bound to serve a human master and possessing magical powers; a creature or a force that can grant wishes or fulfill desires
10. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
- n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
11. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
12. The guru of that religion thought of himself as a _____.
- n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
13. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
- n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
14. God _____ you should regret your marriage.
- v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
15. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.
- v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 8. stereotypes, 9. genie's, 10. narrator, 11. greeted, 12. savior, 13. troop, 14. forbid, 15. redefined

16. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

17. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

18. Her prima _____ behavior on the movie set was well known, making it difficult for directors to work with her.

n. (also used as "prima donna") a title of respect given in Italy to a woman of rank or nobility; a woman of distinction or importance

19. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

20. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

21. He died a _____ to science.

n. a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs

22. The couple will ____ after the tenth anniversary.

v. to marry someone

23. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 16. liberated, 17. pun, 18. donna, 19. confer, 20. singed, 21. martyr, 22. wed, 23. excited

24. The beauty _____ contestants all looked stunning in their gowns.
n. a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition
25. The _____ qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.
n. not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
26. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
27. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
28. The South African government enforced _____ laws that segregated people based on race.
n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
29. Many companies employ _____ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.
n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
30. The sight and smell of the rotting garbage were _____.
adj. causing strong disgust or repugnance; obscene, offensive, or morally unappealing

ANSWERS: 24. pageant, 25. intangible, 26. passe, 27. defy, 28. apartheid, 29. brainstorming, 30. revolting

31. He took a short _____ as a teacher before returning to law practice.
n. a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity
32. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
33. The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a _____ feel.
adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
34. The horror movie was filled with _____ scenes that shocked and disturbed the audience.
adj. involving or characterized by bloodshed, violence, or gruesomeness; exceedingly bloody, horrifying, or graphic
35. She was a skilled _____ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.
n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
36. I heard the _____ of an ambulance and moved my car to the side of the road.
n. a device that emits a loud, piercing sound, typically used as a warning or to get attention; historically, a creature in Greek mythology whose enchanting voice would lure sailors toward danger
37. The school's _____ announced the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather.
n. the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management
38. The little boy rode the _____ at the county fair.
n. a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person

ANSWERS: 31. stint, 32. filmmaker, 33. surreal, 34. gory, 35. wright, 36. siren, 37. headmaster, 38. donkey

39. The _____ they felt towards each other prevented any chance of reconciliation.
- n.* a strong and persistent feeling of resentment, hostility, or anger; a state of being bitter or having a sour taste; the quality or taste of something sharp or unpleasant
40. The _____ boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.
- n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
41. The wind _____ the leaves all over the lawn.
- v.* to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way
42. The _____ singer had a unique and powerful voice.
- n.* the second-highest vocal range in choral music, typically sung by the second-highest singers in a choir; a type of saxophone
43. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.
- v.* to shock or disgust greatly

ANSWERS: 39. bitterness, 40. dotcom, 41. strew, 42. alto, 43. horrify