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Session 1: Word List

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

gratuitous

adj. given or done without charge or payment

synonym: unwarranted, unjustified, unmerited

(1) render **gratuitous** service, (2) **gratuitous** insult

The **gratuitous** violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.

subtitle

n. a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

synonym: caption, heading, inscription

(1) chart **subtitle**, (2) foreign-language **subtitle**

Make sure to turn on **subtitles** so you can understand the foreign film.

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.

redolent

adj. having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something

synonym: fragrant, aromatic, perfumed

(1) **redolent** aroma, (2) **redolent** memories

The garden was **redolent** with the fragrance of blooming roses.

ballad

n. a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

synonym: folk song, jingle, ditty

(1) traditional **ballad**, (2) Irish **ballad**

The singer's **ballad** brought the audience to tears.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym: surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

beckon

v. to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable

synonym: signal, summon, gesture

(1) **beckon** with a hand, (2) **beckon** a taxi

The warm sun and gentle breeze **beckoned** us to spend the day outside.

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.

olympiad

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

incessant

adj. continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting

synonym: constant, unending, ceaseless

(1) **incessant** chatter, (2) **incessant** rain

The **incessant** barking of the dog next door kept me up all night.

televise

v. to broadcast and transmit a television program or event through an electronic system to be watched by others

synonym: broadcast, stream, air

(1) **televise** the advertising contents, (2) **televise** on cable

The news channel plans to **televis**e the live broadcast of the presidential debate.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains
The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

rarity

n. the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual

synonym: rareness, infrequency, uncommonness

(1) the **rarity** of the event, (2) book of great **rarity**
Due to their **rarity**, diamonds are expensive.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

foyer

n. an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event

synonym: lobby, entrance hall, vestibule

(1) hotel **foyer**, (2) grand **foyer**

The elegant chandelier in the **foyer** was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.

woe

n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

synonym: anguish, despair, suffering

(1) economic **woe**, (2) full of **woe**

Recurrent financial **woes** hampered his subsequent career.

wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
synonym: exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence
They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

nutritious

adj. providing nourishment and essential nutrients for growth, development, and overall well-being; conducive to good health and proper bodily function

synonym: healthy, nourishing, wholesome

(1) **nutritious** ingredients, (2) **nutritious** meal
Eating a balanced and **nutritious** diet is important for maintaining good health.

hatchet

n. a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone

synonym: ax, cleaver, tomahawk

(1) **hatchet** job, (2) steel **hatchet** head
The woodsman used a sharp **hatchet** to chop firewood for the winter.

backbreaking

adj. extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body

synonym: demanding, strenuous, arduous

(1) **backbreaking** effort, (2) **backbreaking** work
The construction workers endured **backbreaking** labor under the scorching sun.

trudge

v. to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously

synonym: plod, slog, hike

(1) **trudge** through mud, (2) **trudge** up the hill
The hiker **trudged** through the dense forest, chopping his way with a machete.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym: masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

celluloid

n. a transparent and highly flammable plastic material that was commonly used for making a photographic film, as well as for manufacturing objects like hair combs and other small items; often used as a term referring to motion pictures or the film industry

(1) vintage **celluloid**, (2) **celluloid** industry

The filmmaker used **celluloid** film to capture the movie scenes.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym: scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

- dub**
- v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
- synonym* : name, designate, nickname
- (1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data
- We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.
- 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.
- groom**
- v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
- synonym* : brush, comb, neaten
- (1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse
- I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.
- watchman**
- n. a person who guards or keeps watch over a particular place, property, or group of people, often during the night; a person who is on the lookout for potential dangers or threats
- synonym* : guard, sentinel, keeper
- (1) **watchman** duty, (2) night **watchman**
- The **watchman's** whistle blew, signaling the start of the night shift.
- scrawl**
- v. to write or draw something in a careless or untidy way, often with difficulty or haste
- synonym* : scribble, scratch, squiggle
- (1) **scrawl** my signature, (2) **scrawl** a message
- She quickly **scrawled** her phone number on paper before running out the door.

heroine

n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

synonym : protagonist

(1) medieval **heroine**, (2) tragic **heroine**

The brave **heroine** rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

Ayurveda

n. a traditional system of medicine with origins in India, focusing on a holistic approach to health and well-being, which emphasizes a balance between mind, body, and spirit using various techniques such as herbal remedies, nutrition, yoga, and meditation

synonym : traditional medicine, holistic healing

(1) **Ayurveda** medicine, (2) **Ayurveda** practitioner

I visited an **Ayurveda** clinic to receive a personalized herbal remedy for my digestive issues.

reverence

n. a deep respect for someone or something

synonym : respect, honor, awe

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

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

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

accost

v. to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently

synonym : approach, confront, speak to

(1) **accost** a stranger, (2) **accost** a suspect

The man **accosted** her on the street and asked for money.

perspire

v. to sweat; to produce moisture on the skin as a result of physical exertion, heat, or stress

synonym : sweat, exude

(1) **perspire** heavily, (2) **perspire** under pressure

Whenever I think about speaking in front of an audience, I start to **perspire**.

fakir

n. a Muslim or Hindu ascetic or mendicant, typically one who is regarded as possessing supernatural or mystical powers; someone who practices self-discipline and extreme austerity for religious or spiritual purposes

synonym : mystic, ascetic, yogi

(1) renowned **fakir** guru, (2) mystical **fakir**

The local villagers sought the blessings of the **fakir** for good health and prosperity.

pluralist

n. a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society

synonym : advocate, proponent, multi-culturalist

(1) political **pluralist**, (2) **pluralist** democracy

The conference was organized by a **pluralist** coalition to represent diverse voices from the community.

Jewish

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

synonym : Judaic

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

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

apostle

n. one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings

synonym : messenger, envoy, delegate

(1) **Apostle** Paul, (2) an **apostle** of revolution

The twelve **apostles** were Jesus' closest followers and were chosen to spread his teachings.

Semitic

adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

(1) anti- **Semitic** movement, (2) **Semitic** culture

The **Semitic** languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym : clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

Christ

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

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

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

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

pardon

v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense

synonym : forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym: chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

denomination

n. a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp

synonym: sect, faith, creed

(1) a religious **denomination**, (2) notes of small **denomination**

He flashed a fistful of large **denomination** bills.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym: class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

consonant

n. a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.

synonym: agreement, harmony, concord

(1) **consonant** blends, (2) a medial **consonant**

The **consonant** sounds at the beginning and end of the word made it easy to pronounce.

plural

n. the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

synonym: multiple, numerous, several

(1) **plural** form, (2) **plural** culture

We use **plural** nouns when there is more than one of something

disintegrate

v. break or cause to break into small fragments

synonym: shatter, crumble, break down

(1) **disintegrate** in an explosion, (2) **disintegrate** over time

The vase **disintegrated** into pieces when it fell to the ground.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

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.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**
His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the modern ol_____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
2. te_____se on cable *v.* to broadcast and transmit a television program or event through an electronic system to be watched by others
3. Ap_____e Paul *n.* one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings
4. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
5. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
6. wa_____an duty *n.* a person who guards or keeps watch over a particular place, property, or group of people, often during the night; a person who is on the lookout for potential dangers or threats
7. wi__d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
8. gr__m duties *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

ANSWERS: 1. olympiad, 2. televise, 3. apostle, 4. empower, 5. aspire, 6. watchman, 7. wield, 8. groom

9. renowned fa__r guru *n.* a Muslim or Hindu ascetic or mendicant, typically one who is regarded as possessing supernatural or mystical powers; someone who practices self-discipline and extreme austerity for religious or spiritual purposes
10. ov_____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
11. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
12. in_____nt chatter *adj.* continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting
13. grand fo__r *n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
14. re_____ce for tradition *n.* a deep respect for someone or something
15. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
16. economic w_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

ANSWERS: 9. fakir, 10. overtake, 11. conquer, 12. incessant, 13. foyer, 14. reverence, 15. superpower, 16. woe

17. bac_____ing work *adj.* extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body
18. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
19. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
20. sc___l a message *v.* to write or draw something in a careless or untidy way, often with difficulty or haste
21. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
22. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
23. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
24. tr___e through mud *v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously
25. tr___e up the hill *v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously
26. bac_____ing effort *adj.* extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body

ANSWERS: 17. backbreaking, 18. aft, 19. opportune, 20. scrawl, 21. Christ, 22. liberate, 23. conquer, 24. trudge, 25. trudge, 26. backbreaking

27. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
28. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
29. wi__d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
30. te_____se the advertising contents *v.* to broadcast and transmit a television program or event through an electronic system to be watched by others
31. be___n a taxi *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
32. medieval he_____e *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
33. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
34. qualified for an el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election

ANSWERS: 27. nationalist, 28. superpower, 29. wield, 30. televise, 31. beckon, 32. heroine, 33. pretension, 34. elector

35. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
36. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
37. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
38. ac___t a suspect *v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
39. sc___l my signature *v.* to write or draw something in a careless or untidy way, often with difficulty or haste
40. presidential el____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
41. ov_____ke a rival *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
42. supplicate for pa___n *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
43. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
44. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
45. an ap_____e of revolution *n.* one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings

ANSWERS: 35. unintended, 36. deem, 37. aft, 38. accost, 39. scrawl, 40. elector, 41. overtake, 42. pardon, 43. opportune, 44. deem, 45. apostle

46. ce_____id industry *n.* a transparent and highly flammable plastic material that was commonly used for making a photographic film, as well as for manufacturing objects like hair combs and other small items; often used as a term referring to motion pictures or the film industry
47. hotel fo__r *n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
48. nut_____us ingredients *adj.* providing nourishment and essential nutrients for growth, development, and overall well-being; conducive to good health and proper bodily function
49. in_____nt rain *adj.* continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting
50. summer ol_____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
51. pa___n me *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
52. foreign-language su_____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

ANSWERS: 46. celluloid, 47. foyer, 48. nutritious, 49. incessant, 50. olympiad, 51. pardon, 52. subtitle

53. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
54. traditional ba___d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
55. chart su____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
56. night wa____an *n.* a person who guards or keeps watch over a particular place, property, or group of people, often during the night; a person who is on the lookout for potential dangers or threats
57. ap____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
58. notes of small den_____ion *n.* a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp
59. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
60. be___n with a hand *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable

ANSWERS: 53. aspire, 54. ballad, 55. subtitle, 56. watchman, 57. applaud, 58. denomination, 59. writ, 60. beckon

61. political pl_____st *n.* a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society
62. military ca__e *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
63. d_b the film in English *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
64. ar_____c humans *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
65. w_d my intended *v.* to marry someone
66. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
67. the ra___y of the event *n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
68. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
69. pl___l form *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
70. re_____nt aroma *adj.* having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something
71. pe_____re heavily *v.* to sweat; to produce moisture on the skin as a result of physical exertion, heat, or stress

ANSWERS: 61. pluralist, 62. caste, 63. dub, 64. archaic, 65. wed, 66. unintended, 67. rarity, 68. liberate, 69. plural, 70. redolent, 71. perspire

72. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
73. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
74. vintage ce_____id *n.* a transparent and highly flammable plastic material that was commonly used for making a photographic film, as well as for manufacturing objects like hair combs and other small items; often used as a term referring to motion pictures or the film industry
75. seem somewhat ar_____c *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
76. pl___l culture *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
77. a medial co_____nt *n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.
78. pl_____st democracy *n.* a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society

ANSWERS: 72. Jewish, 73. Christ, 74. celluloid, 75. archaic, 76. plural, 77. consonant, 78. pluralist

79. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
80. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
81. pe_____re under pressure *v.* to sweat; to produce moisture on the skin as a result of physical exertion, heat, or stress
82. ac____t a stranger *v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
83. book of great ra____y *n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
84. steel ha_____t head *n.* a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone
85. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
86. ha_____t job *n.* a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone
87. re_____nt memories *adj.* having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something
88. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 79. astonishing, 80. pretension, 81. perspire, 82. accost, 83. rarity, 84. hatchet, 85. chew, 86. hatchet, 87. redolent, 88. empower

89. mystical fa__r *n.* a Muslim or Hindu ascetic or mendicant, typically one who is regarded as possessing supernatural or mystical powers; someone who practices self-discipline and extreme austerity for religious or spiritual purposes
90. computer-ill_____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
91. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
92. gr__m a horse *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
93. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
94. pay re_____ce to him *n.* a deep respect for someone or something
95. co_____nt blends *n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.

ANSWERS: 89. fakir, 90. illiterate, 91. Catholic, 92. groom, 93. determinant, 94. reverence, 95. consonant

96. Ay_____da medicine *n.* a traditional system of medicine with origins in India, focusing on a holistic approach to health and well-being, which emphasizes a balance between mind, body, and spirit using various techniques such as herbal remedies, nutrition, yoga, and meditation
97. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
98. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
99. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
100. render gra_____us service *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
101. dis_____ate over time *v.* break or cause to break into small fragments
102. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
103. Irish ba____d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
104. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

ANSWERS: 96. Ayurveda, 97. Catholic, 98. industrious, 99. Jewish, 100. gratuitous, 101. disintegrate, 102. nationalist, 103. ballad, 104. illiterate

105. anti-Se_____c movement *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
106. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
107. dis_____ate in an explosion *v.* break or cause to break into small fragments
108. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
109. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
110. 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
111. d_b data *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
112. w_d the rich man *v.* to marry someone
113. di_____ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
114. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
115. full of w_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
116. tragic he_____e *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

ANSWERS: 105. Semitic, 106. industrious, 107. disintegrate, 108. astonishing, 109. chew, 110. determinant, 111. dub, 112. wed, 113. diaspora, 114. writ, 115. woe, 116. heroine

117. ca__e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
118. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
119. nut_____us meal *adj.* providing nourishment and essential nutrients for growth, development, and overall well-being; conducive to good health and proper bodily function
120. di_____ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
121. Se_____c culture *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
122. gra_____us insult *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
123. a religious den_____ion *n.* a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp
124. Ay_____da practitioner *n.* a traditional system of medicine with origins in India, focusing on a holistic approach to health and well-being, which emphasizes a balance between mind, body, and spirit using various techniques such as herbal remedies, nutrition, yoga, and meditation

ANSWERS: 117. caste, 118. applaud, 119. nutritious, 120. diaspora, 121. Semitic, 122. gratuitous, 123. denomination, 124. Ayurveda

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The news channel plans to _____ the live broadcast of the presidential debate.
v. to broadcast and transmit a television program or event through an electronic system to be watched by others
2. The _____ barking of the dog next door kept me up all night.
adj. continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting
3. I visited an _____ clinic to receive a personalized herbal remedy for my digestive issues.
n. a traditional system of medicine with origins in India, focusing on a holistic approach to health and well-being, which emphasizes a balance between mind, body, and spirit using various techniques such as herbal remedies, nutrition, yoga, and meditation
4. The couple will _____ after the tenth anniversary.
v. to marry someone
5. The singer's _____ brought the audience to tears.
n. a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
6. Recurrent financial _____ hampered his subsequent career.
n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
7. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

ANSWERS: 1. televise, 2. incessant, 3. Ayurveda, 4. wed, 5. ballad, 6. woes, 7. astonishing

8. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.
- n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
9. The conference was organized by a _____ coalition to represent diverse voices from the community.
- n.* a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society
10. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
11. Whenever I think about speaking in front of an audience, I start to _____.
- v.* to sweat; to produce moisture on the skin as a result of physical exertion, heat, or stress
12. Due to their _____ diamonds are expensive.
- n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
13. The people of the village showed great _____ for the elderly.
- n.* a deep respect for someone or something
14. The elegant chandelier in the _____ was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.
- n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event

ANSWERS: 8. caste, 9. pluralist, 10. superpower, 11. perspire, 12. rarity, 13. reverence, 14. foyer

15. 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
16. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
17. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.
adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
18. The warm sun and gentle breeze _____ us to spend the day outside.
v. to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
19. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
20. She quickly _____ her phone number on paper before running out the door.
v. to write or draw something in a careless or untidy way, often with difficulty or haste
21. The _____ sounds at the beginning and end of the word made it easy to pronounce.
n. a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.
22. The vase _____ into pieces when it fell to the ground.
v. break or cause to break into small fragments

ANSWERS: 15. archaic, 16. nationalist, 17. catholic, 18. beckoned, 19. industrious, 20. scrawled, 21. consonant, 22. disintegrated

23. The brave _____ rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.
n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
24. Despite attending school, he remained _____ and unable to read or write.
adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
25. The filmmaker used _____ film to capture the movie scenes.
n. a transparent and highly flammable plastic material that was commonly used for making a photographic film, as well as for manufacturing objects like hair combs and other small items; often used as a term referring to motion pictures or the film industry
26. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
27. The construction workers endured _____ labor under the scorching sun.
adj. extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body
28. The twelve _____ were Jesus' closest followers and were chosen to spread his teachings.
n. one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings
29. The _____ languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.
adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

ANSWERS: 23. heroine, 24. illiterate, 25. celluloid, 26. Christmas, 27. backbreaking, 28. apostles, 29. Semitic

30. The _____ whistle blew, signaling the start of the night shift.
- n.* a person who guards or keeps watch over a particular place, property, or group of people, often during the night; a person who is on the lookout for potential dangers or threats
31. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
- n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
32. The garden was _____ with the fragrance of blooming roses.
- adj.* having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something
33. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
34. 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
35. I need to _____ my dog before his fur gets too long.
- v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
36. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command

ANSWERS: 30. watchman's, 31. elector, 32. redolent, 33. pretensions, 34. determinant, 35. groom, 36. writ

37. Make sure to turn on _____ so you can understand the foreign film.
- n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
38. The hiker _____ through the dense forest, chopping his way with a machete.
- v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously
39. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
40. They _____ enormous power and influence.
- v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
41. We use _____ nouns when there is more than one of something
- n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
42. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
- v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
43. The governor decided to _____ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.
- v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
44. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
- v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

ANSWERS: 37. subtitles, 38. trudged, 39. opportune, 40. wielded, 41. plural, 42. chew, 43. pardon, 44. liberated

45. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.
v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
46. Eating a balanced and _____ diet is important for maintaining good health.
adj. providing nourishment and essential nutrients for growth, development, and overall well-being; conducive to good health and proper bodily function
47. The local villagers sought the blessings of the _____ for good health and prosperity.
n. a Muslim or Hindu ascetic or mendicant, typically one who is regarded as possessing supernatural or mystical powers; someone who practices self-discipline and extreme austerity for religious or spiritual purposes
48. The _____ violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.
adj. given or done without charge or payment
49. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
50. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.
v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
51. We _____ him Ironman because of his toughness.
v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
52. The _____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 45. applaud, 46. nutritious, 47. fakir, 48. gratuitous, 49. empowered, 50. overtake, 51. dubbed, 52. aft

53. The _____ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.
n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
54. The woodsman used a sharp _____ to chop firewood for the winter.
n. a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone
55. She won a gold medal in the physics _____ and was praised by her teachers and peers.
n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
56. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.
adj. not planned or meant
57. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
58. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
59. The man _____ her on the street and asked for money.
v. to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
60. He flashed a fistful of large _____ bills.
n. a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp

ANSWERS: 53. diaspora, 54. hatchet, 55. olympiad, 56. unintended, 57. Jewish, 58. deemed, 59. accosted, 60. denomination

61. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.

v. to bring under control by force or authority

62. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

ANSWERS: 61. conquer, 62. aspired