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ALL NOTES MUST BE **HAND-WRITTEN** IN THEIR ENGLISH SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS!

# Semester 1

## Word of the Day 2019-2020

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| 1. Positivity    | noun      | the practice of being or tendency to be positive or optimistic in attitude                                |
| 2. Optimistic    | adjective | hopeful and confident about the future, glass is half full  |
| 3. Anticipation  | noun      | the condition of looking forward to something, especially with eagerness                                  |
| 4. Plagiarize    | verb      | to copy something from another person's work  |
| 5. Affable       | adjective | friendly, pleasantly easy to approach and talk to   |
| 6. Chastise      | verb      | to criticize severely, to discipline  |
| 7. Exacerbate    | verb      | to make more violent or intense, to aggravate   |
| 8. Rectify       | verb      | to correct or set right   |
| 9. Austere       | adjective | very bare, bleak, simple  |
| 10. Premonition  | noun      | a presentiment of the future, a forewarning   |
| 11. Pariah       | noun      | an outcast  |
| 12. Stagnant     | adjective | still, not flowing  |
| 13. Blandish     | verb      | to coax through flattery  |
| 14. Fetter       | verb      | to restrain, to chain, to tie   |
| 15. Maxim        | noun      | a common saying of advice or virtue   |
| 16. Histrionic   | adjective | excessively dramatic or emotional   |
| 17. Zoology      | noun      | the branch of biology that deals with animals   |
| 18. Yacht        | noun      | any of various relatively small sailing or motor-driven vessels   |
| 19. Xylem        | noun      | a plant tissue that carries water and dissolved minerals up from the roots through the stem to the leaves |
| 20. Accentuate   | verb      | to give prominence to, to emphasize or intensify  |
| 21. Alliteration | noun      | the repetition of the same sounds, usually consonants or consonant clusters at the beginning of words     |
| 22. Analogy      | noun      | a similarity in some respects between things that are otherwise unlike                                    |
| 23. Antibody     | noun      | a protein in the blood or tissues in response to the presence of a toxin                                  |
| 24. Aspire       | verb      | to have a great ambition, desire strongly   |
| 25. Bamboozle    | verb      | to deceive by elaborate trickery, hoodwink  |
| 26. Bizarre      | adjective | very strange or odd   |
| 27. Boisterous   | adjective | rough and stormy, violent   |
| 28. Wretched     | adjective | very unhappy, unfortunate, wretched   |
| 29. Voracious    | adjective | eating or eager to eat large quantities of food, ravenous   |
| 30. Virtuoso     | noun      | a musical performer of great excellence   |
| 31. Vaccine      | noun      | a substance that stimulates cells in the immune system  |
| 32. Undulate     | verb      | to move in waves or with a smooth wavy motion   |
| 33. Ultraviolet  | adjective | of or relating to electromagnetic radiation having wavelengths shorter than those of visible light        |
| 34. Unanimous    | adjective | sharing the same opinion, being fully in agreement  |
| 35. Tumult       | noun      | noisy and disorderly activity   |
| 36. Tundra       | noun      | a cold, treeless, usually lowland area of far northern regions  |
| 37. Toxin        | noun      | a poisonous substance produced by a living organism   |
| 38. Boycott      | verb      | to act together in refusing to buy from or deal with a person, business, or                               |

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|                  |           | nation, especially as a form of protest  |
| 39. Chronology   | noun      | the order or sequence of events  |
| 40. Commemorate  | verb      | to honor the memory of someone or something especially with a ceremony   |
| 41. Cower        | verb      | to crouch or draw back, as from fear or pain   |
| 42. Decorum      | noun      | proper behavior or conduct   |
| 43. Deduction    | noun      | the act of subtracting, subtraction  |
| 44. Deign        | verb      | to be willing to something that one considers beneath one's dignity  |
| 45. Despondent   | adjective | feeling depression of spirits from loss of hope, confidence, or courage  |
| 46. Dialogue     | noun      | a conversation between two or more people  |
| 47. Divulge      | verb      | to make known, reveal  |
| 48. Camouflage   | noun      | a method of concealing military troops or equipment by making them appear to be part of the natural surroundings   |
| 49. Eclectic     | adjective | choosing or taking what appears to be the best from various sources  |
| 50. Embargo      | noun      | an order by a government prohibiting merchant ships from entering or leaving its ports   |
| 51. Enthusiastic | adjective | having or showing great interest or excitement   |
| 52. Exponent     | noun      | a number or symbol placed to the right of and above the expression to which it applies   |
| 53. Exult        | verb      | to rejoice greatly, be jubilant or triumphant  |
| 54. Fallacy      | noun      | a false notion or mistaken belief  |
| 55. Flourish     | verb      | to grow or develop well or luxuriantly, thrive   |
| 56. Formidable   | adjective | arousing fear, dread, alarm, or great concern  |
| 57. Gargoyle     | noun      | a waterspout or ornamental figure in the form of a grotesque animal or person  |
| 58. Guerilla     | noun      | a member of a military force that is not part of a regular army and operates in small bands  |
| 59. Tranquility  | noun      | the quality or condition of being free from disturbance, calmness; serenity  |
| 60. Suffrage     | noun      | the right to vote in political elections   |
| 61. Symbiosis    | noun      | the close association between two or more different organisms of different species   |
| 62. Strategy     | noun      | The science of using all the forces of a nation as effectively as possible during peace or war   |
| 63. Stereotype   | noun      | A conventional or oversimplified idea or image   |
| 64. Solstice     | noun      | Either of the times of year when the sun is farthest north or south of the equator   |
| 65. Spectrum     | noun      | A band of colors seen when a band of white light is broken up according to wavelengths   |
| 66. Silhouette   | noun      | A drawing consisting of the outline of something, especially a human profile   |
| 67. Guru         | noun      | A Hindu spiritual leader, a person who is followed as a leader of teacher  |
| 68. Heritage     | noun      | Something other than property passed down from preceding generations, a Tradition  |
| 69. Hieroglyphic | adjective | Of or related to a system of writing, such as that of ancient Egypt  |
| 70. Hologram     | noun      | Photographic record or a three-dimensional image produced by recording on a Photographic plate or film the pattern of interference formed by a split laser beam. |