

Advanced Derivatives

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1. For each of the following sentences choose the word or expression in the accompanying list that best expresses the meaning of the underlined word. Write the letter on your answer sheet.

1. They decided not to protract the meeting.
A. end B. postpone C. cut short D. drag out
2. The disparity of tastes was very evident.
A. lowness B. equality C. inequality D. improvement
3. The man showed few signs of senility.
A. weakness B. intelligence C. greed D. old age
4. They were unwilling to deseccrate the temple.
A. dedicate B. harm C. deccrate D. repair
5. She had signs of incipient consumption.
A. severe B. spreading C. beginning D. advanced
6. They left with a tacit understanding.
A. silent B. tactful C. deliberate D. questionable
7. He was felicitated for his work.
A. denounced B. rewarded C. demoted D. congratulated
8. The government decided to ameliorate conditions in industry.
A. change B. improve C. discuss D. investigate
9. They asked for elucidation.
A. help B. treatment C. clarification D. praise
10. His profession of loyalty was convincing.
A. declaration B. denunciation C. admission D. analysis
11. He lived a voluptuous life.
A. restrained B. sensual C. serious D. lonely
12. He witnesses stultifying behavior.
A. abnormal B. intellligent C. quiet D. foolish
13. They were on a nefarious expedition.
A. dangerous B. secret C. salvaging D. evil
14. He will cogitate about the problem.
A. decide B. discuss C. think D. complain
15. His plan for the future is pernicious.
A. excellent B. far-reaching C. unexpected D. deadly
16. He used a ferrous part.
A. imported B. of iron C. hard D. necessary
17. The mistake was truly egregious.
A. noticeable B. publicized C. in many parts D. outstanding

18. The constant iteration was maddening.
A. repetition B. traveling C. interruption D. noise
19. The lapidary work was in the main gallery.
A. mural B. of stone C. on cloth D. of a fresco
20. The riverian scene was a pleasant one.
A. leafy B. rustic C. of the bank D. agricultural

Each of the following English words is of Latin derivation. Select the letter of the word or words below each italicized word that best expresses its meaning. Write this letter on your answer sheet.

21. stupefied A. hurt B. dazed C. delighted D. deceived
22. arable A. barren B. steep C. flat D. fertile
23. strident A. shrill B. advancing C. mounted D. heavy
24. bovine A. pertaining to deer B. horses C. oxen D. sheep
25. cerulean A. blue B. red C. dark D. light
26. lacrimose A. swift B. wanting C. dull D. tearful
27. cincture A. a hole B. a solution C. a belt D. a wound
28. capillary resembling a A. tube B. hair C. stone D. cloud
29. tumescent A. damp B. swollen C. lit D. bubbling
30. marmoreal pertaining to A. tombs B. styles C. woods D. marble
31. coruscate A. wear away B. wrinkle C. confirm D. gleam
32. arcane A. sudden B. bent C. hidden D. distant
33. vaticination A. prophecy B. postponement C. false reasoning
D. hesitation
34. sidereal pertaining to the A. mountains B. heavens C. stars
D. atmosphere
35. ululate A. enjoy B. howl C. copy D. teach

Each underlined word, of Latin derivation, is followed by three words, one of which gives a clue to the meaning of the derivative. Write the number (letter) of the correct clue on the answer sheet.

36. consorial A. operate B. shear C. thunder
37. lugubrious A. mourn B. drink C. shine
38. minatory A. threaten B. lessen D. delay

39. wordant A. die B. sorrow C. bite
40. spoluncous A. javenin B. foam C. cave
41. lethal A. sleep B. death C. medicine
42. lesion A. study B. hurt C. joy
43. pinguid A. fat B. colorful C. devoted
44. nodal A. cloud B. swim C. knot
45. uniform A. crooked B. straight C. round

Select the correct definition of each of the following English words; write the letter of your answer on the answer sheet.

46. mollify A. soothe B. change C. deceive
47. progeny A. genius B. disease C. offspring
48. exonerate A. honor B. acquit C. embitter
49. denigrate A. sail away B. denote C. blacken
50. viridity A. manliness B. greenness C. worthiness

On your answer sheet, write the words you would fill in the blanks. Show your knowledge of the influence of Latin on English words by completing each of the following statements with one word. Your answers should explain the italicized words.

51. His badge of merit was well _____.
52. Doomed to perdition, he was _____ to society.
53. The senator, having _____ his worth, was known for his probity.
54. To show their derision, the people _____ at the beggar.
55. The uxorious husband was dominated by his _____.