

2013 FJCL State Latin Forum Greek Derivatives

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence or means the same as the underlined word.

1. A plutocracy is a society ruled by _____.
a. the strong b. the few c. the rich d. the capable
2. The internet has created many neologisms.
a. new words b. new ideas c. bad words d. bad ideas
3. The elephant earned the synonym "pachyderm" from its _____.
a. big ears b. long nose c. strong legs d. thick skin
4. An androgynous outfit would be clothing that _____.
a. has masculine and feminine characteristics
b. is made for both winter and summer
c. is both formal and casual
d. is made for both children and adults
5. Polydactyly is a medical conditions characterized by _____.
a. too much hair b. too little hair c. too many fingers d. too few fingers
6. The nervous girl did not come on stage because she was petrified with fear.
a. still as a tree b. turned to stone
c. like a bronze statue d. without movement
7. The heterodox speech given by the professor shocked the audience.
a. given to disproven or outdated beliefs b. denunciatory
c. different than traditional opinion d. slanderous
8. "A beginner who has just started" is a tautology.
a. simple explanation b. aphorism
c. obvious conclusion d. saying the same thing
9. Theogony refers to the _____ of the gods.
a. power b. origin c. life d. wisdom
10. The celebration of Cinco de Mayo is, in fact, endemic to only one state in Mexico.
a. ignored b. solemnly observed, lacking happiness
c. occurring once a year d. belonging to a particular people

Choose the answer that best describes the given fear or condition.

11. agoraphobia
 a. fear of being alone
 b. fear of public places
 c. fear of the dark
 d. fear of strangers
12. acrophobia
 a. fear of spiders
 b. fear of wells
 c. fear of heights
 d. fear of pain
13. hydrophobia
 a. avoiding oil
 b. avoiding water
 c. avoiding acid
 d. avoiding fat
14. gamophobia
 a. fear of failing
 b. fear of competition
 c. fear of germs
 d. fear of marriage
15. thanatophobia
 a. fear of unconsciousness
 b. fear of sleep
 c. fear of death
 d. fear of being in a coma

Choose the answer that best represents the Greek preposition

16. The exodus of theater patrons overwhelmed the ushers. The people were looking for _____ the theater.
 a. a way in
 b. a way around
 c. a way out of
 d. a way through
17. Hypercholesterolemia is a medical condition characterized by having cholesterol levels _____ what they should be.
 a. above
 b. below
 c. approximately
 d. precisely
18. Epinephrine is a hormone produced by a gland located _____ the kidney.
 a. opposite
 b. on top of
 c. at the side of
 d. just below
19. Antiseptic medicine works _____ bacteria.
 a. against
 b. alongside
 c. without
 d. irrespective of
20. Symbiotic lifeforms are lifeforms that work in a _____ relationship.
 a. destructive
 b. predator/prey
 c. cooperative
 d. host/parasite
21. An amphora is a jar with handles located on _____ of the jar.
 a. both sides
 b. one side
 c. the bottom of
 d. the lid

Identify the described word that comes from Greek mythology

22. Athena’s mythical shield has come to mean “protection” or “sponsorship”.
 a. aegis
 b. palladium
 c. caduceus
 d. panoply

23. This mythological monster has come to be a medical term for an organism having tissue from multiple sets of DNA.
 a. hydra b. scylla c. chimera d. dryad
24. This titan’s name has come to be associated with cartography.
 a. Calypso b. Helios c. Cronus d. Atlas
25. Athena disguised herself as this character in the Odyssey and gave Telemachus wise advice.
 a. Councilor b. Tutor c. Mentor d. Proteus
26. This word meaning “calm and peaceful” came from the Greek word for “kingfisher,” a bird believed to be able to magically calm the seas.
 a. halcyon b. placid c. serene d. alector
27. This mythical young man’s name came to be synonymous with being "conceited."
 a. Hyacinth b. Narcissus c. Ganymede d. Adonis
28. This epithet of Apollo has come to mean “a song of praise or thanksgiving”.
 a. iatros b. musagetes c. loxias d. paean
29. This verb, meaning “to tease” comes from a man who was punished by never being able to reach an apple or drink water.
 a. taunt b. tantalize c. titillate d. tempt
30. This Greek goddess of vengeance has come to be synonymous with “opponent”.
 a. Rival b. Antagonist c. Nemesis d. Enemy

Choose the word that is derived from the same Greek root as the word given.

31. grammar
 a. paragraph b. prognostic c. griffin d. diagonal
32. protagonist
 a. agony b. hexagon c. theogony d. gonad
33. tactic
 a. contact b. tax c. taxidermy d. tactile
34. nostalgia
 a. algae b. nostril c. analgesic d. agnostic
35. cinema
 a. enigmatic b. kinetic c. sign d. cinnamon
36. amnesty
 a. mercy b. amniotic c. condemn d. mnemonic

37. octopus
 a. tripod b. pustule c. opus d. ipod
38. tragedy
 a. Trajan b. trapezoid c. melody d. jeopardy

Choose the meaning of the Greek word from which the given word is derived.

39. polemic
 a. war b. twisted c. pole d. fly
40. ephemeral
 a. day b. time c. waste d. fast
41. mimesis
 a. change b. hidden c. wish d. imitate
42. iodine
 a. red b. violet c. black d. green
43. didactic
 a. teach b. double c. twelve d. read
44. kerosene
 a. fire b. oil c. heat d. wax
45. mystery
 a. story b. close c. wander d. unknown
46. cosmopolitan
 a. space b. city c. orbit d. flight
47. pyrotechnic
 a. fire b. stage c. gear d. sound
48. anthrax
 a. poison b. death c. red d. charcoal
49. atmosphere
 a. planet b. space c. steam d. breeze
50. category
 a. up b. down c. between d. without