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DERIVATIVES II

- I. Choose the word which gives a clue to the Latin source of the English derivative.
1. obsequious
a. secretive b. following c. cramped d. chaste e. pure
 2. promiscuous
a. free b. mix c. take d. choose e. bad
 3. alimentary
a. heighten b. align c. nourish d. simplify e. pay
 4. humeral
a. amusement b. earth c. height d. shoulder e. arm
 5. verdant
a. bright b. green c. open d. testy e. fierce
 6. pejorative
a. most b. worse c. best d. least e. hopeful
 7. lactic
a. milky b. lakeside c. lacy d. colorful e. dark
 8. aestival
a. sense of beauty b. fine arts c. age of man d. summer e. air
 9. agminate
a. clusters b. agent c. forcefulness d. shine e. army
 10. arable
a. dry b. fit for cultivation c. near the sea d. prayerful
e. irrigated
 11. egregious
a. emerging b. conceited c. outside d. farther e. extraordinary
 12. riparian
a. mature b. of a cut c. tree-like d. stony e. of a bank
 13. tumescent
a. swelling b. ardent c. spirited d. protecting e. resisting
 14. balneal
a. fragrant b. trivial c. tree d. commonplace e. bathing
 15. efficacy
a. habitual b. availability c. purity d. curative e. strength

II. Choose the Latin word from which the English word is derived.

16. inertia
a. inerro b. inesco c. ars d. arto e. artus
17. casualty
a. causa b. cado c. casa d. caedo e. cedo
18. cognate
a. nato b. ago c. ego d. cogno e. nascor
19. avuncular
a. avis b. aurum c. aveo d. auris e. avus
20. estivate
a. esse b. aestas c. aes d. astus e. aestus
21. liaison
a. ligo b. lex c. lego d. lugeo e. fero
22. exaggerate
a. ager b. emo c. agger d. eo e. ago
23. famine
a. famulus b. fama c. faveo d. fames e. fanum
24. dowager
a. domus b. do c. doceo d. domo e. duo
25. quarrelsome
a. queror b. queo c. quies d. quaero e. quatio
26. gunpowder
a. pello b. purgo c. pulvis d. pulpa e. pungo
27. obstetrics
a. stinguo b. sterno c. strepo d. sto e. strus
28. pertain
a. tendo b. teneo c. tenuis d. tingo e. tango
29. preconceive
a. capio b. cerno c. cedo d. credo e. caput
30. concession
a. capio b. caedo c. causa d. cado e. cedo

III. Choose the word which is a synonym of the underlined word(s).

31. A commandment or direction given as a rule of action or conduct is called a maxim.
a. paradox b. rationalization c. premise d. precept e. thesis

32. She had the impudence to accuse me of being selfish after I had done so much to help her.
a. desuetude b. effrontery c. opprobrium d. pertinacity
e. concord
33. The quibbling man made himself unwelcome by his constant objections.
a. eclectic b. beatific c. venal d. nefarious e. captious
34. A punishment that fits the crime may be called deserved.
a. condign b. putative c. intractable d. unequivocal e. benign
35. This wicked scheme to rob the stockholders must be stopped at once.
a. incipient b. lenient c. nefarious d. decorous e. desiccated
36. How sad it was to see a once promising career end in failure and dishonor.
a. calumny b. mendacity c. effrontery d. malfeasance e. ignominy
37. I am not interested in hearing your adverse criticisms unless you offer constructive suggestions for improvement.
a. conjectures b. idiosyncrasies c. machinations d. animadversions
e. excoriations
38. Although Ray was hired as an actor, he had so many useful skills that he soon became the handy man of our theatrical troupe.
a. tyro b. factotum c. agnostic d. dilettante e. derelict
39. As we sat in the locker room after our defeat, the surrounding gloom was so thick that it seemed almost to have physical weight.
a. ambient b. mundane c. fecund d. benign e. docile
40. Since our time is limited, we must deal only with the main problem and avoid all concomitant issues.
a. coherent b. innate c. collateral d. condign e. mundane
41. We consider Sam's behavior to be foolishly stubborn, but his mother describes it as obstinate.
a. venal b. pertinacious c. nefarious d. unequivocal e. captious
42. Her efforts to prove that she was having a good time at this fearfully dull party were a tribute both to her good manners and to her perfect talents.
a. intermittent b. moribund c. sacerdotal d. consummate
e. ubiquitous
43. I have often been astounded by the endless unpredictability of the fashion world.
a. augury b. ambience c. vagary d. iniquity e. ubiquity
44. How can you be so easily impressed by those inane generalizations and clichés?
a. utilitarian b. ludicrous c. viable d. benign e. vacuous

45. The scholar was busy comparing the two texts.
a. collating b. decrying c. countermanding d. promulgating
e. interpolating
46. The bright student answered the question with facility.
a. volition b. asperity c. alacrity d. presage e. effusiveness
47. The head of government lived in an imposing mansion.
a. spelunk b. edifice c. incubus d. façade e. enclave
48. We had a summer cottage on an arm of the sea.
a. estivation b. promenade c. enclave d. estuary e. promontory
49. We became so accustomed to the sound of jet planes that we were able to continue work as they roared overhead.
a. enervated b. desiccated c. inexorable d. inured e. redundant
50. The President entreated members of Congress to set aside partisan considerations.
a. adjured b. subpoenaed c. liberated d. temporized e. indicted