

1995 REGIONAL LATIN FORUM

GREEK DERIVATIVES

- I. Choose the correct definition for the underlined word or the blank.
1. The word dinosaur comes from the Greek words meaning
a. river horse. b. toothy dog. c. slippery bird.
d. terrible lizard.
 2. Because Sarah loved going to the beach, attended several parties a week, and feverishly sought excitement whenever and wherever possible, her fellow students labeled her a
a. hysteresis. b. halogen. c. hedonist. d. hylozoic.
 3. Iodine received its name because its vapor is _____ in color.
a. violet b. green c. red d. yellow
 4. Poor or faulty nutrition can result in osteomalacia.
a. softening of the bones
b. stiffening of the joints
c. curvature of the spine
d. skeletal diminution
 5. A brachiosaurus derives its name from
a. where it lived. b. its sharp teeth.
c. its arms. d. its small size.
 6. A sphygmograph measures
a. pulse rate. b. white blood count. c. brain waves.
d. reflexes.
 7. A stegosaurus derives its name from
a. its grassy diet.
b. the plates covering its back.
c. its soft underbelly.
d. the sound of its mating call.
 8. Constantius Chlorus, the father of Constantine the Great, was given his agnomen because he
a. was given to attacks of cholera.
b. had a pale complexion.
c. participated in musical competitions.
d. aspired to great wealth.
 9. A sitologist would be employed at a university in the department of
a. history. b. chemistry. c. political science.
d. home economics.

10. The homeless man had his pride. When asked his profession, he drew himself up and declared, "I am an elemosynary."
- a. one who works for food
 - b. one who lives on charity
 - c. one who travels a lot
 - d. one who misuses words
- II. Choose the meaning of the Greek word from which the given English word is derived.
11. enthusiasm
a. god b. strain c. throne d. joy
12. polyglot
a. twist b. tension c. taste d. tongue
13. disaster
a. rule b. giant c. star d. breeze
14. apocryphal
a. hear b. throw c. reveal d. hide
15. etymology
a. outside b. true c. well d. nation
16. idolatry
a. stone b. prayer c. servant d. wood
17. isosceles
a. square b. leg c. covering d. split
18. anthology
a. flower b. messenger c. book d. man
19. margarine
a. butter b. war c. pearl d. size
20. azalea
a. sing b. dry up c. bloom d. delight
- III. Choose the English word which is derived from the given Greek root.
21. chronos
a. mercurochrome b. cream c. synchronize d. crocus
22. grapho
a. telegram b. polygon c. griffin d. blaspheme
23. bios
a. bible b. amphibian c. alphabet d. baptize

24. holos
a. ocean b. electrode c. panoply d. catholic
25. kineo
a. guitar b. comet c. eccentric d. cinema
26. emeo
a. emit b. dysentery c. emetic d. epidemic
27. cheir
a. alchemy b. chart c. surgeon d. allergy
28. melas
a. meal b. melancholy c. melt d. melon
29. kranion
a. crocodile b. crystal c. magic d. migraine
30. byrsa
a. purse b. abyss c. bucolic d. ambrosia
- IV. Choose the English word which has the same Greek root as the given word.
31. neophyte
a. nereid b. neon c. nymph d. naiad
32. allergy
a. erotic b. argon c. hermit d. dryad
33. melodious
a. dulcimer b. amethyst c. medallion d. calomel
34. bucolic
a. botany b. buttercup c. hecatomb d. embryo
35. poem
a. impunity b. monopoly c. trapezoid d. posy
36. holocaust
a. calm b. albatross c. allegory d. chimney
37. barium
a. barometer b. barbarous c. barber d. barbiturate
38. panacea
a. panther b. banjo c. diapason d. panic
39. nemesis
a. nauseous b. nomad c. nitrogen d. neurotic

40. epileptic
a. lamp b. labyrinth c. elliptical d. syllable

V. Choose the word which is NOT derived from the same Greek root as the others.

41. a. police b. polar c. acropolis d. politician

42. a. anemia b. hemoglobin c. hemorrhage d. anemone

43. a. scorpion b. horoscope c. sceptic d. archbishop

44. a. turtle b. turnpike c. contour d. attorney

45. a. ether b. aerial c. malaria d. airport

46. a. overtone b. tetanus c. anatomy d. hypotenuse

47. a. grammar b. graft c. geranium d. glamour

48. a. camera b. comrade c. chamber d. canvas

49. a. pedant b. agony c. demagogue d. strategy

50. a. idea b. idol c. idiot d. idyll

