

GREEK DERIVATIVES
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I. Select the meaning of the Greek word at the root of each English word.

1. parabola
a. throw b. harm c. curve d. dish
2. cardialgia
a. pain b. change c. other d. beat
3. chromatic
a. time b. color c. change d. chord
4. prophecy
a. to liberate b. to digest c. to speak d. to be holy
5. onomatopoeia
a. poetry b. name c. repetition d. noise
6. galaxy
a. sea b. cloud c. wide d. milk
7. frenetic
a. mind b. anger c. harmony d. speech
8. metropolitan
a. column b. large c. city d. soldier
9. mesopotamia
a. soil b. valley c. horse d. river
10. sarcasm
a. blood b. flesh c. bone d. marrow

II. Select the English word that is derived from the given Greek word.

11. γαμέω/ gameo
a. grammar b. polygamy c. image d. dogma
12. γῆ/ gē
a. cosmogony b. genealogy c. geometry d. cyanogens

13. μέλος/ melos
 a. melody b. melanin c. melancholy d. melon
14. γυνή/ gynē
 a. handgun b. angiogenesis c. misogynist d. Gaia
15. ἔργον/ ergon
 a. organelle b. heptagon c. ergo d. liturgy
16. χεῖρ/ cheir
 a. surgeon b. chariot c. chemiflux d. sugar
17. κακός/ kakos
 a. bucolic b. microcosm c. acoustic d. cacophony
18. ἔζομαι/ hezomai
 a. prognostic b. ecstatic c. cathedral d. zodiac
- 19 λαμβάνω/ lambanō
 a. hypothalamus b. epilepsy c. unlamented d. parliament
20. αἰδῶ/ aeidō
 a. rhapsody b. diabetes c. pedant d. aedile

III. Identify the Greek root from which the given English word is derived.

21. priest
 a. πράσσω/ prasso b. πτέρυξ/ pteryx c. πίνω/ pino d. πρεσβύς/ presbys
22. asthma
 a. στρέφω/ strepho b. αἰτέω/ aiteo c. ἄζω/ azo d. σθένος/ sthenos
23. xanthine
 a. ξύλον/ xulon b. ξηρός/ xeros c. ξένος/ xenos d. ξανθός/ xanthos
24. empirical
 a. πείρα/ peira b. πεπέρι/ peperis c. περί/ peri d. παρά/ para
25. cosmetic
 a. κύμα/ kuma b. κήτος/kētos
 c. κάμμαρος/ kammaros d. κόσμος/ kosmos

26. vaseline
 a. εἰρήνη/ eirene b. λύω/ luō c. ἔλαιον/ elaion d. λαός/ lāos
27. choir
 a. χρίω/ khrio b. χορός/ khoros c. χρυσός/ khrusos d. χρόνος/ khronos
28. pew
 a. ποῦς/ rous b. πόλις/ polis c. πρᾶγμα/ pragma d. πόλος/ polos
29. antidote
 a. δρόμος/ dromos b. δῆμος/ dēmos c. διδάσκω/ didasko d. δίδωμι/ didomi
30. helicopter
 a. πρῶτος/ prōtos b. ἕλιξ/ helix
 c. ἐλαστικός/ elastikos d. κρυπτός/ kruptos

IV. Choose the word which does NOT belong by derivation.

31. a. panacea b. pantomime c. pantheon d. panic
32. a. idiocy b. idyll c. idea d. idolatry
33. a. bishop b. skeptic c. scholar d. telescope
34. a. fancy b. pharmacy c. fantasy d. phase
35. a. plaza b. place c. plateau d. planet
36. a. camera b. cistern c. chamber d. comrade
37. a. anastrophe b. apostrophe c. strap d. sophist
38. a. tetanus b. attune c. atom d. tendon
39. a. lynx b. analyze c. electrolyte d. paralysis
40. a. apostasy b. ecstatic c. stalactite d. stadium

V. A Greek Derivative Odyssey: Fill-in-the-Blank to complete the sentence.

41. Oymyakon, Russia, is the coldest inhabited place on Earth. It is not for those who have _____.
 a. cryophobia b. coulrophobia c. agoraphobia d. allodoxaphobia

42. Famous for American history and cheesesteaks, Philadelphia is the city of _____ love.
 a. brotherly b. young c. everlasting d. true
43. Lego toys originated in Denmark. On a different note, _____ derives from the greek word λέγω/ lego.
 a. dialysis b. lethargy c. dialect d. leg
44. Vienna, Austria is considered to be the classical music capital of the world. The English word _____ shares a Greek root with “music”.
 a. mustard b. museum c. maestro d. mystery
45. After the U.S.A, Saudi Arabia is the largest petroleum producer. The word “petroleum” derives from a Greek word meaning _____.
 a. wheat b. opal c. perch d. rock
46. South Africa is also called the “Rainbow Nation” because it has eleven official languages. Likewise, _____ incorporates the meaning “eleven”.
 a. choliambic b. hendecasyllabic c. iambic pentameter d. tetrameter
47. Stephen Hawking was an English theoretical physicist. The name “Stephen” comes from a Greek word meaning _____.
 a. ambitious b. kind c. crown d. warrior
48. Japan is famous for its cherry blossoms. The Greek root of “cherry” is _____.
 a. κερασός/ kerasos b. κεράννυμι/ kerannymi
 c. κήρυξ/ keryx d. κέραμος/ keramos
49. With over 800 languages spoken, Papua New Guinea is the most linguistically diverse country on Earth. If you spoke all 800, you would be an impressive _____.
 a. polygene b. polygraph c. polyglot d. polymorph
50. Back to our roots! Ancient Greece hosted the first Olympic games. The word “athlete” comes from a Greek word meaning _____.
 a. race b. spirit c. contest d. team