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Morphological Mastery: Ace Advanced Affixes for 9th Grade

Synthesize Greek and Latin morphemes to decode complex academic terminology in this high-level morphological challenge.

1. In the context of sociopolitical discourse, if a governing body is described as 'autocratic,' how does the Greek root 'cracy' combine with the prefix 'auto-' to define the power structure?

- A. Rule by a small group of elite citizens
- B. Power held by a single individual with absolute authority
- C. A system where laws are dictated by religious texts
- D. The delegation of power to local municipalities

2. A scientist studying the formation of rock layers is practicing _____, a term derived from the Latin 'stratum' (layer) and the Greek 'graphy' (process of writing or recording).

- A. Petrography
- B. Lithology
- C. Stratigraphy
- D. Paleontology

3. The word 'anachronism' contains the prefix 'ana-' (against/back) and the root 'chron' (time), describing something that is out of its proper historical time period.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Which of the following words uses the suffix '-ism' to denote a specific philosophical practice or belief system centered around the individual rather than the collective?

- A. Altruism
- B. Solipsism
- C. Criticism
- D. Metabolism

5. If a speaker is known for being 'loquacious,' they are 'full of' words. If we add the prefix 'circum-' to the same root 'loqu' (to speak), the resulting word describes a person who:

- A. Speaks in a very quiet, hushed tone
- B. Uses many words to avoid speaking directly about a topic
- C. Speaks clearly and persuasively in public
- D. Refuses to speak due to a vow of silence

6. In medical and biological terminology, what is the most likely meaning of the word 'endothermic' based on its morphemes?

- A. The release of heat to the external environment

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- B. The measurement of heat using specialized tools
- C. The absorption or internal generation of heat
- D. The study of heat transfer between organisms

7. The suffix '-oid' in words like 'anthropoid' or 'asteroid' indicates that something has the exact same essence as the root word, rather than just a resemblance.

- A. True
- B. False

8. An 'exculpatory' piece of evidence is one that 'frees from' blame. This is formed from the prefix 'ex-' (out/from) and the Latin root _____, meaning 'blame' or 'fault.'

- A. Pugn
- B. Cred
- C. Culp
- D. Ver

9. Synthesize your knowledge of 'phil' (love) and 'anthro' (human). Why is 'philanthropy' an appropriate term for charitable acts?

- A. It refers to the study of ancient human civilizations
- B. It describes the gathering of humans for entertainment
- C. It literally translates to the 'love of humanity'
- D. It implies the physical movement of people across borders

10. If the prefix 'per-' can mean 'through' or 'completely,' and the root 'meare' means 'to pass,' which definition best fits the word 'permeable'?

- A. Allowing liquids or gases to pass through
- B. Preventing any substance from entering
- C. A state of being completely frozen
- D. The act of passing a law through a legislature