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Morphological Synthesis for 11th Grade Lexicon

Junior level students deconstruct complex etymologies and synthesize Greek and Latin morphemes to decode sophisticated academic and technical terminology.

1. In the context of sociopolitical discourse, an 'egalitarian' society is one characterized by the belief in human equality. Which Latin root provides the foundation for this concept?

- A. Equi- (Equal/Even)
- B. Ego- (Self)
- C. Ethos- (Character)
- D. Eccles- (Assembly)

2. The literary critic described the protagonist as _____, suggesting they are 'prone to excessive talking' or 'wordy.' Which word correctly uses the Latin root 'loqu'?

- A. Eloquent
- B. Loquacious
- C. Soliloquy
- D. Elocution

3. The word 'anachronism' contains the Greek root 'chron' (time) and the prefix 'ana-' (back/against), implying something is out of its proper chronological order.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Analyze the word 'anthropocentric.' If a scientific paper adopts this viewpoint, what is the primary focus of its study?

- A. Ancient civilizations and ruins
- B. Animal behavior in urban settings
- C. Environmental conservation efforts
- D. Humanity as the central fact of the universe

5. A legislator proposes a policy that is 'prejudicial,' meaning it shows bias before the facts are known. Identify the morpheme that indicates the 'judgment' part of this word.

- A. Pre-
- B. Jud-
- C. -ic-
- D. -ial

6. In the word 'immutable,' the prefix 'im-' functions as an intensifier, suggesting the object is extremely capable of change.

- A. True

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B. False

7. The surgeon performed a 'nephrectomy.' Using your knowledge of medical suffixes, what occurred during this procedure?

- A. The surgical repair of a kidney
- B. Mapping the electrical activity of a nerve
- C. The surgical removal of a kidney
- D. An incision into a nerve

8. A philosopher who studies 'epistemology' is primarily concerned with the nature of _____.

- A. Morality
- B. Knowledge
- C. Beauty
- D. Existence

9. The term 'cacophony' utilizes the Greek root 'phon' (sound) and the prefix 'caco-' (harsh/bad) to describe a discordant mixture of sounds.

- A. True
- B. False

10. If an ideology is described as 'perfidious,' which Latin root suggests it is 'breaking faith' or 'treacherous'?

- A. Fed- (League)
- B. Fac- (To do)
- C. Fid- (Faith/Trust)
- D. Fer- (To bear)