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Answer Key: Lexical Architecture: A College Level Morphology Blueprint

Can you identify the foundational structures of academic English? Exercise recall and basic comprehension of Latinate and Greek morphemes found in scholarly texts.

1. In the context of jurisprudence, the root word 'jur' (as seen in 'perjury' or 'jurisdiction') most nearly means:

Answer: B) Law or oath

The Latin root 'jur' or 'jus' relates to law, rights, or the taking of a legal oath.

2. The prefix 'ante-' in the word 'antebellum' indicates that the period occurred _____ the war.

Answer: C) Before

The prefix 'ante-' translates to 'before' in Latin, commonly used in temporal or spatial contexts.

3. The suffix '-ism' is typically used to transform a root into a noun denoting a system of belief, theory, or practice.

Answer: A) True

As seen in 'capitalism' or 'existentialism,' '-ism' creates abstract nouns regarding belief systems.

4. Which of the following Greek roots refers specifically to 'mankind' or 'humanity'?

Answer: C) Anthrope

The root 'anthrope' (as in anthropology) pertains to humans, whereas 'bio' means life and 'demo' means people or population.

5. A student of geology knows that the root 'lith' (as in 'lithosphere' or 'monolith') refers to _____.

Answer: A) Stone

'Lithos' is the Greek root for stone or rock.

6. The prefix 'pseudo-' (as in 'pseudonym') means 'false' or 'deceptive.'

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Answer: A) True

The prefix 'pseudo-' signals that the following noun is not genuine or is a false version of the original.

7. The suffix '-ous' (as in 'tenacious' or 'voracious') functions to turn a word into which part of speech?

Answer: D) Adjective

The suffix '-ous' means 'possessing the qualities of' and is used to form adjectives.

8. If 'path' refers to feeling or disease, the prefix 'a-' (as in 'apathy') communicates a _____ of that feeling.

Answer: B) Lack or absence

The Greek prefix 'a-' or 'an-' serves as a privative, meaning 'without' or 'lacking.'

9. The root 'phil' in words like 'philanthropy' or 'philosophy' means 'knowledge.'

Answer: B) False

The root 'phil' actually means 'love.' For example, philosophy is the 'love of wisdom' (sophia).

10. In the term 'interdisciplinary,' the prefix 'inter-' suggests the relationship between fields is:

Answer: C) Between or among

The prefix 'inter-' means 'between' or 'mutually,' whereas 'intra-' would mean inside a single group.