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Neon Morphology 9th Grade Word Build Quiz

Decode complex academic texts by dissecting Greek and Latin stems to reveal the hidden architecture of the English language.

1. In a sociopolitical analysis, an author might describe a leader as 'omniscient.' Based on the root 'omni' and the stem 'sci,' what is the leader's perceived quality?

- A. Having unlimited power or authority
- B. Possessing infinite or complete knowledge
- C. Present in all places at the same time
- D. Acting with total cruelty and malice

2. The lawyer argued that the evidence was _____, meaning it was secondary or not essential to the core of the case. (Root: 'curr/curs')

- A. Incurable
- B. Precursory
- C. Discursive
- D. Excursion

3. In the word 'anthropomorphism,' the root 'anthrop' refers to the study of ancient fossils.

- A. True
- B. False

4. If a biological process is described as 'symbiotic,' the prefix 'sym-' and the root 'bio' suggest that organisms are:

- A. Living against one another
- B. Living far apart
- C. Living together or in union
- D. Returning to life

5. A literary critic notes the protagonist's _____ state, indicating they are in a period between two different stages of life. (Root: 'limin')

- A. Elimination
- B. Liminal
- C. Subliminal
- D. Preliminary

6. The suffix '-ism' usually transforms a root word into a noun representing a specific belief, practice, or doctrine.

- A. True
- B. False

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7. Which word correctly uses the prefix 'an-' (meaning 'without') to describe a state of political disorder or lack of government?

- A. Anachronism
- B. Analogy
- C. Anarchy
- D. Animate

8. To prevent the spread of a virus, doctors use _____ measures, which are intended to ward off disease before it occurs. (Prefix: 'pro-')

- A. Propensity
- B. Prophylactic
- C. Proactive
- D. Provocation

9. If a historian describes a document as 'apocryphal,' and knows the root 'crypt' means 'hidden,' they are suggesting the document's origins are:

- A. Clearly documented and verified
- B. Exposed to the public for the first time
- C. Written in a secret code
- D. Doubtful and of hidden/unknown authenticity

10. In the word 'equivocate,' the root 'equi' (equal) and 'voc' (voice) imply that someone is speaking clearly and taking a firm, single side.

- A. True
- B. False