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1. What is a homonym?

- a. Words with different spellings but the same meaning.
- b. Words that are the opposites of each other.
- c. Words with similar spellings but different meanings.
- d. Words that are similar in meaning.

ANSWER:

c

2. What does cyanosis indicate?

- a. The yellowish coloration of something.
- b. The bluish coloration of something.
- c. The reddish coloration of something.
- d. The whitening of something.

ANSWER:

b

3. What is a suffix?

- a. It is added to the beginning of a word to influence the meaning.
- b. It is the foundation of the word.
- c. It is added to the end of a word to describe the word.
- d. It modifies a verb.

ANSWER:

c

4. Many medical terms have their origins in what?

- a. Old English
- b. Latin
- c. Spanish
- d. German

ANSWER:

b

5. Which of the following terms means “without teeth”?

- a. Glossa
- b. Gingivectomy
- c. Bicuspid
- d. Anodontia

ANSWER:

d

6. What is a prefix?

- a. It is added to the beginning of a word to influence the meaning.
- b. It is the foundation of the word.
- c. It is added to the end of a word to describe the word.
- d. It modifies a noun.

ANSWER:

a

7. A prefix denotes what?

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- a. Color and number
- b. Condition and age
- c. Direction and origin
- d. Color and location

ANSWER:

d

8. What does a suffix denote?

- a. Condition
- b. Pathology and procedures
- c. Degree
- d. Direction

ANSWER:

b

9. To pluralize a dental term, all of the following can be added except what?

- a. Ae
- b. Ices
- c. Sis
- d. S

ANSWER:

d

10. What does the root word coronal mean?

- a. Tooth
- b. Mouth
- c. Crown
- d. Chemical

ANSWER:

c

11. Which of the following root words means lip?

- a. Buccal
- b. Frenum
- c. Glossa
- d. Cheilo

ANSWER:

d

12. Which of the following prefixes means “without”?

- a. Anti-
- b. Dis-
- c. Tachy-
- d. Contra-

ANSWER:

d

13. When using the “sound-like” syllables in parenthesis next to dental words, what do BOLD uppercase letters mean?

- a. The word has the second element of stress.

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- b. The word receives the most emphasis.
- c. The word receives no emphasis.
- d. The word is the only word that is emphasized.

ANSWER:

b

14. Which of the following acronyms might be found in the text?

- a. CDA
- b. MeD
- c. USDA
- d. FBI

ANSWER:

a

15. Which of the following suffixes means paralysis?

- a. -phobia
- b. -plegia
- c. -tomy
- d. -gnosis

ANSWER:

b

16. A root word almost always indicates what?

- a. The involved body part
- b. The degree
- c. The procedure
- d. The status

ANSWER:

a

17. Which of the following prefixes denotes color?

- a. Poly-
- b. Tri-
- c. Hyper-
- d. Albus-

ANSWER:

d

18. Which of the following prefixes denotes quantity or number?

- a. Bi-
- b. Cyano-
- c. Iso-
- d. Ab-

ANSWER:

a

19. A combining form is what?

- a. A root word with a constant at the end.
- b. A root word with a vowel at the end.

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- c. A root word with a prefix.
- d. A root word with suffix.

ANSWER: b

20. Which of the following prefixes denote an agent or person concerned?

- a. -ent
- b. -um
- c. -ant
- d. -olus

ANSWER: a

21. Dye is a tooth or bridge pattern used in prosthodontic dentistry.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

22. Axillary refers to an underarm site.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

23. Esthetics pertains to beauty.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

24. Facial pertains to the face.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

25. Palpation is a condition of racing or increased heartbeat.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

26. Suture refers to either a line where two bones unite or a stitch repairing a wound.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

27. An acronym is a word that is similar in sound and spelling to another word but has a different meaning.

- a. True
- b. False

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ANSWER: False

28. An acronym is an abbreviated form made up of the first letters of several words.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: True

29. An eponym is an abbreviation made up of the first letter of several words.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

30. A prefix may be added at the end of the word root to modify the meaning.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWER: False

Match the prefix with its correct meaning.

- a. Albus
- b. Cyan/o
- c. Erythr/o
- d. Melan/o
- e. Xanth/o

31. Yellow

ANSWER: e

32. Blue

ANSWER: b

33. Black

ANSWER: d

34. Red

ANSWER: c

35. White

ANSWER: a

Match the prefix with its correct meaning.

- a. Hyper-
- b. Hypo-
- c. Macro-
- d. Micro-
- e. Pan-

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f. Ultra-

36. Large

ANSWER:

c

37. Under/below

ANSWER:

b

38. Small/minute

ANSWER:

d

39. Over/excess

ANSWER:

a

40. All around

ANSWER:

e

41. Extreme/beyond

ANSWER:

f

Match the root word with its correct meaning.

a. Apical

b. Buccal

c. Coronal

d. Dens

e. Distal

f. Glossa

g. Labial

h. Mesial

i. Orthos

j. Stoma

42. Tooth

ANSWER:

d

43. Farthest from the center

ANSWER:

e

44. Tongue

ANSWER:

f

45. Cheek

ANSWER:

b

46. Middle

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ANSWER:

h

47. Crown

ANSWER:

c

48. Mouth

ANSWER:

j

49. Lip

ANSWER:

g

50. Apex of root

ANSWER:

a

51. Straight/proper order

ANSWER:

i