



## 11+ Vocabulary

# Root Words, Prefixes and Suffixes

## Test Paper 1

### Instructions:

1. The time allowed is 10 minutes for 20 questions.
2. Each question carries 1 Mark.
3. Answers should be clearly marked in pencil on the question paper itself. No separate answer sheet is provided.
4. No marks are lost for an incorrect answer.
5. If you have marked the wrong answer, erase it and mark the new one, make sure that your final answer is clear.

### Symbols used



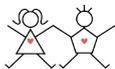
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## SECTION A

All of the questions in this section relate to root words. Answer each question by selecting one of the options from A-D.

**1** All of these words describe an ostrich, but only one is formed from a Latin root that means 'feet'. Which of them uses this root and describes how many feet an ostrich has?

- A. Bipedal
- B. Monophyletic
- C. Parasitic
- D. Bifurcated

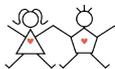
**2** When you are examining a coin, you notice that it has a sentence written on it. Which word - coming from the Latin root word meaning 'to write' - describes what you see?

- A. Lettering
- B. Inscription
- C. Depiction
- D. Mintage

**3** Ostriches are 'oviparous', which means that it lays eggs. On the other hand, aphids are 'viviparous'. What does this mean?

- A. Aphids reproduce via gills.
- B. Aphid reproduces via seeds.
- C. Aphids' offspring are born alive (developed inside the body of the parent).
- D. An aphid cannot reproduce at all.





**4** The following extract is taken from the novel *Dracula*:

**“A kitten, a nice little, sleek playful kitten, that I can play with, and teach, and feed—and feed—and feed!” I was not unprepared for this request, for I had noticed how his pets went on increasing in size and vivacity.”**

**What is meant by the last sentence? Think about what the root of the word ‘vivacity’ means.**

- A. He was not surprised, because Renfield’s pets had become larger and more dramatic.
- B. He was not surprised, because Renfield’s pets had become larger and livelier.
- C. He was surprised, because Renfield’s pets had become larger and livelier.
- D. He was surprised, because Renfield’s pets had become larger and more dramatic.

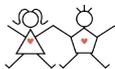
**5** Which of these words does not contain the Latin root that means ‘life’ or ‘live’?

- A. Invitation
- B. Vitamin
- C. Vital
- D. Vivify

**6** Which of these words does not contain a Latin root?

- A. Concession
- B. Ascribe
- C. Impediment
- D. Telephonic





## SECTION B

All of the questions in this section relate to suffixes. Answer each question by selecting one of the options from A-D.

**7** Identify the suffix in the following word: "companionship".

- A. -ionship
- B. -panionship
- C. -ship
- D. -com

**8** Identify the suffix in the following word: "presentable".

- A. -pre
- B. -able
- C. -ble
- D. present

**9** Which suffix could you add to the root word 'commune', in order to create a word meaning: 'a type of government involving common ownership of property'?

- A. -ity
- B. -al
- C. -ism
- D. -ist





**10** Which suffix could you add to the word 'enlighten', in order to create a word meaning: 'sudden understanding or intelligence', which refers to an eighteenth century cultural movement?

- A. -ing
- B. -ment
- C. -ism
- D. -ification

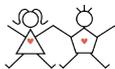
**11** The poem 'Enigma', by Edgar Allen Poe, starts with the following lines: "The noblest name in Allegory's page / The hand that traced inexorable rage." In Latin, 'exor' means to persuade or to win over. So, what does the word 'inexorable' mean?

- A. Appeasable
- B. Unshakeable
- C. Able to be conquered
- D. Defeated

**12** In his novel, *Nicholas Nickelby*, Dickens writes the following: "Some ill-conditioned persons, who sneer at the life-matrimonial, may perhaps suggest in this place that the good couple would be better likened to two principals in a sparring match, who, when fortune is low and backers scarce, will chivalrously set to." 'When fortune is low', how would the 'principals', which Dickens compares the young couple to, fight?

- A. Like knights
- B. In an irritated fashion
- C. In an upset way
- D. Monstrously





### SECTION C

All of the questions in this section relate to prefixes. Answer each question by selecting one of the options from A-D.

**13** In the word 'monogamous', the prefix means 'one' or 'single'. Which of the following options is the prefix?

- A. -ous
- B. -gamous
- C. mon-
- D. mono-

**14** Which of the following is a prefix that means 'after'?

- A. Pre-
- B. Post-
- C. Past-
- D. Pro-

**15** Which prefix could be added to the word 'diction' to create the following meaning: 'an attempt to forecast a future event'?

- A. pre-
- B. pro-
- C. contra-
- D. anti-





**16** Which prefix can be added to the word 'theist', which means 'someone who believes in God' (and comes from the Greek word for God - 'theos'), to create the following meaning: 'someone who is against belief in God'?

- A. a-
- B. pro-
- C. anti-
- D. non-

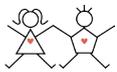
**17** In the word 'polygon', 'gon' comes from the Greek word 'gonia', which means 'angle'. What does 'polygonal' mean?

- A. Having one angle.
- B. Having many angles.
- C. A shape with no angles.
- D. A shape with many angles.

**18** In Mark Twain's 'Wit Inspiration of the 'Two-year-olds', Twain writes: he "cannot wear the name of Samuel". When his father asks him "why?", he says he has an "invincible antipathy to that name." Consider the prefix in the word 'antipathy'. How does Mark Twain feel about the name of Samuel?

- A. He loves it
- B. He is against it
- C. He likes it
- D. He despises it endlessly





**SECTION D**

**Match the words in column 1 to their correct meaning in column 2**

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	<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
i	anti	in the manner of
ii	ly	against
iii	pre	life
iv	viv/vit	write
v	scrib	before

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	<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
i	theo	without
ii	post	God
iii	less	after
iv	ante	before
v	a	without



