# GRE VOCABULARY EXERCISES

## VOCABULARY IA

### A. WORDS  GREEK ROOT WORDS

1. *congenital*  gen - birth, race, kind
2. *hydrophyte*  hydr - water
3. *pandemonium*  pan - all
4. *philanderer*  phil - love
5. *theology*  theo - god
6. *stethoscope*  scope - see
7. *misanthrope*  anthrop (o) - man, mankind
8. *exogamy*  gam - marriage
9. *pathos*  path - feeling, suffering, disease
10. *metamorphosis*  morph - form
11. *megaphone*  mega - great
12. *microfilm*  micro - small
13. *macrocosm*  macro - great
14. *oligarchy*  arch - first, ancient, chief

### NOTE:

- oli - few
- exo - outside
- phon - sound, voice
- mis - hate
- logy - study of
- con - with
- demon - devil
DIRECTIONS: Complete the following sentences using the words above.

1. Expectant mothers must take prenatal care in order to avoid having babies with ________ disorders.

2. The Nitsilik stress ________ while the !kung stress endogamy.

3. "The Champ" aroused a feeling of ________ within me.

4. The frog and butterfly are examples of creatures which undergo ________.

5. Cheerleaders use ________ during pep rallies.

6. Would you expect ________ in a church?

7. Many political parties advocate ________.

8. Photographed documents reduced in size are stored in ________.

9. The concept of the universe is referred to as ________.

10. A ladies' man is also called a ________.

11. The doctor uses a ________ to check the rate of the heart.

12. When you take a botany class, you will study ________.

13. A theologian is one who studies ________.

14. People who are ________ are considered hermits.

Answers: 1. congenital 8. microfilm
2. exogamy 9. macrocosm
3. pathos 10. philanderer
4. metamorphosis 11. stethoscope
5. megaphones 12. hydrophytes
6. pandemonium 13. theology
7. oligarchy 14. misanthropes
VOCABULARY IB
Session I - GREEK ROOTS

DIRECTIONS: Choose from the words below to complete each sentence in the self-test.

1. dynamics 7. thermodynamics
2. acronym 8. pyrography
3. protozoa 9. pedagogy
4. pyrotechnics 10. pathos
5. pediatrician 11. endogamy
6. podiatrist 12. misanthropist

NOTE:
ic - being  mis - hate
acro - tip  graph - writing
technics - skill, craft  endo - inside
thermo - heat  y - act of
cian - one who  zoa - animal
ist - one who  agogy - leading

SELF-TEST

1. The first one-celled animals known are the _____________.
2. One who treats foot diseases is called a _____________.
3. You take your child to see a _____________.
4. The study of heat and electrical energy is _____________.
5. SLAC is an _____________ for the Student Learning Assistance Center.
6. Would you expect to see _____________ on July 4 or on Easter?
7. I saw the _____________ involved in organizing a banquet when I was selected as social director.
8. The art of teaching children is known as _______________

9. The art of burning leather or wood is known as _______________.

10. Starving children in India arouse a feeling of _______________ in me.

11. Scrooge is a ________________.

12. Primitive tribes often avoid _______________ in order to gain alliances.

**ANSWERS:**

1. protozoa  
2. podiatrist  
3. pediatrician  
4. thermodynamics  
5. acronym  
6. pyrotechnics  
7. dynamics  
8. pedagogy  
9. pyrography  
10. pathos  
11. misanthropist  
12. endogamy

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**VOCABULARY IC**  
Session II-Greek Roots

**MATCHING**

1. cyclorama  
2. dogmatic  
3. dramaturgy  
4. encyclical  
5. synergetic  
6. agnostic  
7. geriatrics  
8. hematoma  
9. synopsis  
10. unorthodox  
11. psychiatrist  
12. hemorrhage

**SELF-TEST**

a. unconventional.

b. marked by an authoritarian ascertaining of principles.

c. a letter intended for broad general circulation.

d. working together in a cooperative manner.
e. one who doubts the existence of God or absolute truth; one who believes that we can't know the true nature of God.

f. circular room with murals painted all around the walls.

g. energy at work on the stage.

h. branch of medicine dealing with diseases of old age.

i. a blood-filled tumor.

j. a brief summary (as of a novel or play).

k. bleeding.

l. one who heals the mind/spirit.

ANSWERS:

1. f  
2. b  
3. g  
4. c  
5. d  
6. e  
7. h  
8. i  
9. j  
10. a  
11. l  
12. k

VOCABULARY ID

Latin Roots

1. AM, AMAT - love, loving  
   Derivatives: amorous, amiable, amity

2. AQUA - water  
   Derivatives: aquamarine, aquarium, aquaplane

3. BENE - good  
   Derivatives: benefactor, benevolent, benign

4. CARN - flesh  
   Derivatives: carnivore, reincarnation, carnal

5. CORP - body  
   Derivatives: corpse, corpuscle, incorporate
SELF-TEST

1. John is an ______________ character.
   a. b. c.
   benign amorous aquaplane

2. Margaret Mead is a ______________ anthropologist.
   a. b. c.
   corpse credible amiable

3. The results of the tests showed the tumor to be ______________.
   a. b. c.
   benefactor benign incredible

4. Man is a ______________.
   a. b. c.
   aquarium credible carnivore

5. The security guard had to identify the ______________.
   a. b. c.
   reincarnation corpse aquamarine

6. Many people find the theory of evolution ______________.
   a. b. c.
   incredible creed benevolent

7. Everyone has red and white ______________ in his body.
   a. b. c.
   creed corpuscles incorporate
8. Boris Karloff lacks ______________ qualities.
   a. amiable  b. amity  c. carnal

9. ______________ is the birthstone color for March.
   a.  
   b.  
   c.  
   aquamarine  incredible  carnal

10. The Catholic religion has many ______________ which reflect its religious beliefs.
    a.  
    b.  
    c.  
    amiable  creeds  corpuscles

11. Marxists have tried to ______________ their ideas into our system.
    a.  
    b.  
    c.  
    incorporate  amity  reincarnation

12. According to the Bible, only one person has been ______________.
    a.  
    b.  
    c.  
    reincarnated  incredible  carnal

13. ______________ come in many shapes and sizes and are used to keep fish.
    a.  
    b.  
    c.  
    aquariums  benevolent  carnal

14. Many primitive hunting and gathering societies control their ______________ desires during the deer hunting season.
    a.  
    b.  
    c.  
    aquariums  benevolent  carnal

15. The Welfare Department functions as a ______________ for the government.
    a.  
    b.  
    c.  
    benefactor  benevolent  credible

16. Elvis Presley is considered a ______________ person because he gave jewelry and cars away.
a.   b.   c.
benefactor benevolent amorous

17. ______________ within the Republican Party is necessary for its success.

a. benign  b. amity  c. carnal

18. If you can ride a surfboard, you can ride an ______________.

a.  b.  c.
carnivore aquaplane aquarium

ANSWERS:
1. b  6. a  11. a  16. b
2. b  7. b  12. a  17. b
3. b  8. a  13. a  18. b
4. c  9. a  14. c
5. b  10. b  15. a

VOCABULARY IE
Session III-Latin Roots

SELF-TEST

DIRECTIONS: Match each word with its definition.

1. agitated ________________ 6. recurrent ________________
2. agile ________________ 7. alienate ________________
3. recapitulation ________________ 8. concise ________________
4. precedent ________________ 9. decapitation ________________
5. unprecedented ________________ 10. degradation ________________

s.  well-coordinated and quick movement or thought

 t.  to make indifferent, unfriendly, or withdrawn
u. happening again and again over a period of time
v. covering much in few words; brief; to the point
w. a previous act (decision) taken as a valid model
x. a brief repetition made in order to remind
y. a major reduction in social status or moral character
z. to be busy/inactive/nervous or upset
aa. breaking old records
bb. to cut off the head

**ANSWERS:**
1. h  6. c
2. a  7. b
3. f  8. a
4. e  9. j
5. i  10. g

cc.

dd. **VOCABULARY IF**
**Session IV-Latin Roots**

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ff.
DIRECTIONS: Supply the missing words in the following sentences.

1. ____________ was sought between the fighting nations.
2. Some teenagers feel ____________ about the future.
3. Her ____________ remarks hurt Linda's feelings.
4. He gave the memo a ____________ glance.
5. Miss Aguilar has the tendency to ____________ throughout her lectures.
6. John is a ____________ person.
7. Most women hope to find men who can be ____________ in times of crisis.

ANSWERS:

1. accord 5. gesture
2. apprehensive 6. gregarious
3. negative 7. supportive
4. cursory

VOCABULARY IG
POST-TEST

GREEK & LATIN ROOTS

1. Mark is a very ____________ person.
2. There was a ____________ in South Africa.
3. They cut the fabric with such ____________.
4. The noise level in the lab is a ____________ problem each semester.
5. After the nasty incident, John was so embarrassed, all he wanted was to _______________ quickly.

6. At the _______________, we sang religious hymns.

7. We went to the iron _______________ to get our metals melted and poured into casts.

8. The Vanderbilts are known as _______________.

9. _______________ is not accepted with enthusiasm in our culture.

10. Many illnesses are _______________ brought about; they originate in the mind.

11. People with the rabies experience _______________.

12. During wurstfest, most people experience _______________.

13. The Pope was dressed in full _______________.

14. College students are thought to be _______________.

15. Most actors are _______________; they love all women.

16. In Botany, students use _______________ to examine specimens.

17. There are people who do not believe in a God of gods. These people are called _______________.

18. The Joker is the _______________ in Batman.

19. Professor X is very _______________; he doesn't listen to reason.

20. The _______________ of the war of 1912 is impressive.

21. John thinks he knows everything. He considers himself an _______________.

22. Judy's blood doesn't clot because she has _______________.

23. The professor gave a _______________ of the seminar.
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