Word Power Pretest

Read each statement below carefully. Please answer honestly about what prior knowledge and skill you already possess, so you can determine whether studying this unit is a good fit for you. Please note: gifted students are not necessarily expected to know these answers. The pretest should be hard!

Rate statements 1-4 using the scale below. If you have never practiced a knowledge or skill before, rate it with a 1. If you answer 80 percent or more of the questions with a 3, 4, or a correct answer, you may not need this unit. (Answers to fill-in-the-blank questions are available in any dictionary and in this unit.)

1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Agree, 4=Strongly Agree.

1. I am a good reader who can recognize Greek and Latin roots, prefixes, and suffixes in order to define vocabulary in context.

2. I am a good writer who constantly researches, defines, and integrates new and advanced vocabulary into word lists.

3. I write effective sentences (sentences that illustrate the word’s definition with precise usage and specific examples).

4. I use the dictionary often and know some etymologies.

5. I can define the following Greek prefixes (fill in the blanks):
   a. auto- ____________________________
   b. deca- ____________________________
   c. exo- ____________________________
   d. hyper- ____________________________
   e. meta- ____________________________
   f. para- ____________________________
   g. syn- ____________________________

6. I can define the following Greek roots:
   a. aesthe- ____________________________
   b. -agog(ue) ____________________________
   c. anthrop- ____________________________
   d. bibli- ____________________________
7. I can define the following Greek suffixes:
   a. -archy ________________________________
   b. -ectomy ______________________________
   c. -hedron ______________________________
   d. -graph ________________________________
   e. -ician- ______________________________

8. I can define the following Latin prefixes:
   a. ambi- ________________________________
   b. ante- ________________________________
   c. im- ________________________________
   d. in- ________________________________
   e. inter- ______________________________
   f. post- ________________________________

9. I can define the following Latin roots:
   a. cog- ________________________________
   b. cred- ________________________________
   c. ego- ________________________________
   d. gen- ________________________________
   e. hab- ________________________________
   f. loc- ________________________________
   g. optim- ______________________________

10. I can define the following Latin suffixes:
    a. -acy ________________________________
    b. -ate ________________________________
    c. -ion ________________________________
    d. -ory ________________________________
    e. -ure ________________________________