"Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes (text page 204)

Build Vocabulary

Using the Word Root -psych-

Psychology is one of several words containing the Greek root -psych-, which has come to mean “mind” in English. In ancient Greece, the word more often meant “soul”; in fact, in Greek mythology, Psyche (si’ke) was the goddess of the soul.

A. DIRECTIONS: Circle the letter of the choice that best completes each sentence.

1. The word part -logy means “science” or “study.” The science or study of the human mind is ____.
   a. psychology  b. sociology  c. anthropology  d. economics

2. If a jury agrees that a criminal is psychotic, the criminal’s trial will probably end with ____.
   a. a guilty verdict  b. a mistrial  c. a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity  d. a plea bargain

3. If -soma- is the Greek root for body, a psychosomatic illness is probably one in which ____.
   a. your mind tells your body to be sick  b. your stomach aches painfully  c. your body goes crazy gaining weight  d. you fail to recover

4. If you go to see a psychodrama, you should expect a play that contains ____.
   a. lots of laughs  b. romance  c. poetic language  d. efforts to explore characters’ thoughts

Using the Word Bank

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B. DIRECTIONS: Circle the letter of the word or phrase that is most nearly the same in meaning as the word in CAPITAL LETTERS.

1. REFUTE:  a. run away  b. agree  c. prove  d. disprove

2. TANGIBLE:  a. real  b. tasty  c. graceful  d. breakable

3. INTROSPECTIVE:  a. blind  b. unwise  c. thoughtful  d. transparent

4. SPECTER:  a. happiness  b. disturbing thoughts  c. moon  d. wand

5. OBSCURE:  a. reveal  b. explain  c. conceal  d. heal

6. SYNDROMES:  a. cures  b. symptoms  c. headaches  d. dosages

7. PSYCHOLOGY:  a. mind study  b. counselor  c. history study  d. emotion

8. ILLITERACY:  a. disturbance  b. darkness  c. inability to read or write  d. mismanagement