The Living Dead, How Latin is Used Today

Listening Comprehension Questions

Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OV9fG8jRUx4

1. In the order in which they are mentioned in the video, list four areas in which Latin is used today across the western world.

A. (one word)
B. (one word)
C. (one word)
D. (two words)

2. The original language Christianity was not Latin. The Old Testament was written in _____ and the New Testament was written in _____ (one word), but in the fourth century, the _____ (one word) decided that the language of the church should be _____ (one word) because that's _____ (three words).

3. deus = (one word)
   pax = (one word)
   ave maria = (two words)
   adeste fideles = (three words)

4. Catholic church services were held solely in Latin until the _____ century.

5. Latin is still officially use by _____ and other high-ranking members of the church in _____. (two words in each blank)

6. What group of people created court systems across Europe that practiced law in Latin? (two words)

7. In England, English didn't become the primary language in court rooms until 1730, years after English became the dominant language of the country; but because the whole system of modern "Common Law" had been created in Latin, the specific terms _____ (three words).

8. Up until the 18th century, _____ (two words) all around Europe would be written in _____ (one word).

9. As with law, the use of Latin in science is thanks to the Romans spreading the idea that Latin is the _____ (three words).

10. felis catus = (two words)
    canis familiaris = (one word)
    solanum tuberosum = (one word)

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11. There are two reasons why it's useful for scientific terms to be in Latin. First, Latin _____ (two words)! So, there's no concern that the meaning of words will change over time. Second, it can be easier to communicate scientific thought _____ (two words).

12. Latin is a _____ (one word) language, meaning that people in the western world consider it to be more _____ (one word) than other languages.

13. The Latin language that we use today is no longer capable of change because (six words) _____.

14. Some studies find that almost _____% of English words come from Latin.

15. Languages are not alive and then dead; they are forever _____ (one word), forever _____ (one word) into something else.

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