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35 Daily Vocabulary MCQs

Vocab Level: Graduate (05), Post-Graduate(20), Doctorate (10)

Score (Out of 35):

Instructions:

- **Total Questions:** 35
 - **Levels:** Graduate (05), Post-Graduate (20), Doctorate (10)
 - **Each question carries equal marks**
 - Choose the **best possible answer** for each
 - Each incorrect answer will carry a **penalty** of 0.25 marks.
 - **Time Limit:** 10 minutes
 - **Answers** are provided **immediately after each question**
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1. (Filler)

Despite the professor's _____ explanations, many students struggled to grasp the abstract concept of quantum entanglement.

- a) lucid
- b) obfuscating
- c) transparent
- d) pellucid

Answer: b) obfuscating

2. (Synonym)

Choose the word closest in meaning to "abnegation."

- a) indulgence
- b) self-denial
- c) affirmation
- d) excess

Answer: b) self-denial

3. (Antonym)

Choose the word opposite in meaning to “esoteric.”

- a) obscure
- b) arcane
- c) profound
- d) common

Answer: d) common

4. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To throw in the towel” means:

- a) To give up
- b) To encourage
- c) To retaliate
- d) To celebrate

Answer: a) To give up

5. (Word Knowledge – Graduate)

Which sentence uses *disinterested* correctly?

- a) The disinterested child refused to eat his food.
- b) The judge remained disinterested throughout the trial.
- c) She felt disinterested after hearing the tragic news.
- d) The disinterested team cheered loudly after victory.

Answer: b) The judge remained disinterested throughout the trial.

6. (Phrase Starter)

Complete the sentence:

“Not only did the government’s policy fail to reduce unemployment, but it also _____.”

- a) exacerbated income inequality among the citizens.
- b) worked effectively in reducing poverty.

- c) improved education rates drastically.
- d) neutralized economic disparities.

Answer: a) exacerbated income inequality among the citizens.

7. (Odd One Out)

- a) Parsimonious
- b) Penurious
- c) Munificent
- d) Miserly

Answer: c) Munificent

8. (Analogy)

Taciturn : Talkative :: Miserly : ?

- a) Extravagant
- b) Penurious
- c) Economical
- d) Cautious

Answer: a) Extravagant

9. (Spot the Error)

Identify the error:

Neither the professor nor the students was willing to compromise on their demands.

- a) Neither
- b) was
- c) to compromise
- d) on their demands

Answer: b) was → should be *were*

10. (Cloze Test – Short Passage)

Fill in the blanks:

The rise of artificial intelligence has _____ traditional notions of employment, creating both anxiety and optimism. While some argue that machines will _____ human labor, others insist that technology will generate _____ forms of work.

- a) strengthened, erase, obsolete
- b) disrupted, replace, novel
- c) preserved, empower, redundant
- d) questioned, undermine, stagnant

Answer: b) disrupted, replace, novel

11. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of “pell-mell.”

- a) orderly
- b) chaotic
- c) serene
- d) deliberate

Answer: b) chaotic

12. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of “vitiate.”

- a) purify
- b) corrupt
- c) blemish
- d) weaken

Answer: a) purify

13. (Passage – 100 words)

Read the passage and answer:

In the age of digital interconnectedness, attention has become the new currency. Social media platforms, armed with sophisticated algorithms, compete aggressively for human focus. This

commodification of attention has led to the rise of echo chambers, where users encounter ideas that reinforce existing beliefs rather than challenge them. While some argue this fosters community, others claim it erodes critical thinking and democratic discourse.

Q: The author's main concern is that:

- a) Social media enhances democratic values.
- b) Algorithms create intellectual diversity.
- c) Echo chambers hinder critical engagement.
- d) Online communities foster meaningful debate.

Answer: c) Echo chambers hinder critical engagement.

14. (Word Knowledge – Postgraduate)

Which sentence uses *enervate* correctly?

- a) The hot climate enervated the soldiers.
- b) His energy enervated the entire team.
- c) The teacher enervated enthusiasm in her students.
- d) Reading books enervates knowledge.

Answer: a) The hot climate enervated the soldiers.

15. (Idioms & Phrases)

"Burning the candle at both ends" means:

- a) Living extravagantly
- b) Overworking oneself
- c) Celebrating recklessly
- d) Saving resources

Answer: b) Overworking oneself

16. (Fillers)

The scientist's theory was dismissed initially, but years later it gained _____ when experimental evidence supported it.

- a) traction
- b) denial
- c) repudiation
- d) collapse

Answer: a) traction

17. (Odd One Out)

- a) ephemeral
- b) transient
- c) perennial
- d) fleeting

Answer: c) perennial

18. (Analogy)

Hermit : Solitude :: Epicure : ?

- a) Wealth
- b) Luxury
- c) Food
- d) Knowledge

Answer: c) Food

19. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of "imminent."

- a) impending
- b) remote
- c) approaching
- d) looming

Answer: b) remote

20. (Spot the Error)

The committee has decided to postponed the meeting until next week.

- a) The committee
- b) has decided
- c) to postponed
- d) until next week

Answer: c) to postponed → should be *to postpone*

21. (Word Knowledge – Doctorate)

Which sentence uses *pusillanimous* correctly?

- a) The pusillanimous soldier refused to advance into battle.
- b) She was pusillanimous about attending her graduation ceremony.
- c) His pusillanimous laughter echoed in the hall.
- d) The pusillanimous child answered every question bravely.

Answer: a) The pusillanimous soldier refused to advance into battle.

22. (Cloze Test – Abstract Concept)

In philosophy, the concept of free will often _____ the notion of determinism, which claims that every event is the _____ outcome of preceding causes.

- a) contradicts, inevitable
- b) supports, uncertain
- c) complements, accidental
- d) mirrors, coincidental

Answer: a) contradicts, inevitable

23. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of “recalcitrant.”

- a) obedient
- b) compliant

- c) defiant
- d) submissive

Answer: c) defiant

24. (Phrase Connector)

Choose the best option:

“_____, the scientist’s discovery was not celebrated until decades later.”

- a) In spite of its groundbreaking implications
- b) Because of its immediate acclaim
- c) Due to its widespread acceptance
- d) Given its lack of originality

Answer: a) In spite of its groundbreaking implications

25. (Analogy)

Obdurate : Persuasion :: Intransigent : ?

- a) Compromise
- b) Agreement
- c) Rebellion
- d) Authority

Answer: a) Compromise

26. (Passage – Critical Thinking)

Modern universities often emphasize employability over intellectual inquiry. Critics argue that this vocational focus diminishes the broader purpose of education: nurturing critical thought, ethical reflection, and civic responsibility. Supporters, however, believe practicality ensures graduates are economically secure in volatile job markets.

Q: The passage suggests that the debate centers on:

- a) The economic viability of universities
- b) The tension between practical training and intellectual enrichment
- c) The global competition for jobs
- d) The irrelevance of ethics in education

Answer: b) The tension between practical training and intellectual enrichment.

27. (Word Knowledge – Doctorate)

Which sentence uses *anomie* correctly?

- a) The community fell into anomie after the collapse of traditional norms.
- b) The anomie bird flew across the valley.
- c) His anomie smile brightened the room.
- d) The athlete's anomie performance won the championship.

Answer: a) The community fell into anomie after the collapse of traditional norms.

28. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of “obfuscate.”

- a) clarify
- b) confuse
- c) illuminate
- d) simplify

Answer: b) confuse

29. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of “recondite.”

- a) obscure
- b) complex
- c) superficial
- d) difficult

Answer: c) superficial

30. (Odd One Out)

- a) laconic
- b) terse
- c) succinct
- d) verbose

Answer: d) verbose

31. (Word Knowledge – Doctorate)

Which sentence uses *quixotic* correctly?

- a) His quixotic quest for perfection often left him disappointed.
- b) She was quixotic about buying groceries for the family.
- c) The quixotic weather was unbearably hot.
- d) The quixotic child excelled at mathematics.

Answer: a) His quixotic quest for perfection often left him disappointed.

32. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To bell the cat” means:

- a) To take a risky initiative
- b) To pamper someone
- c) To succeed easily
- d) To remain cautious

Answer: a) To take a risky initiative

33. (Cloze Test – Research Context)

The researcher’s hypothesis was initially met with _____, but her meticulous experiments eventually turned critics into _____.

- a) skepticism, supporters
- b) applause, enemies
- c) indifference, detractors
- d) admiration, skeptics

Answer: a) skepticism, supporters

34. (Analogy – Advanced)

Ebullient : Enthusiasm :: Lugubrious : ?

- a) Happiness
- b) Sadness
- c) Energy
- d) Calmness

Answer: b) Sadness

35. (Word Knowledge – Doctorate)

Which sentence uses *aporia* correctly?

- a) The philosopher expressed aporia, admitting he could not resolve the paradox.
- b) The aporia machine broke down suddenly.
- c) His aporia victory was celebrated by everyone.
- d) The aporia wind blew fiercely.

Answer: a) The philosopher expressed aporia, admitting he could not resolve the paradox.