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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)

The professor's comments were so _____ that even his most ardent supporters struggled to defend them.

- a) cogent
- b) inane
- c) perspicacious
- d) trenchant

Answer: b) inane

2. (Analogy)

Obdurate : Persuasion :: Ephemeral : _____

- a) Duration
- b) Permanence
- c) Fragility
- d) Illusion

Answer: b) Permanence

3. (Spot the Error)

Despite of her tremendous potential, she was never given the opportunity to demonstrate her skills in a meaningful way.

- a) Despite of
- b) tremendous potential
- c) never given
- d) meaningful way

Answer: a) Despite of (should be “Despite”)

4. (Cloze Test)

The committee’s report was dismissed as _____, containing more rhetorical flourishes than substantive analysis.

- a) bombastic
- b) trenchant
- c) incisive
- d) laconic

Answer: a) bombastic

5. (Odd one out)

- a) Altruistic
- b) Magnanimous
- c) Philanthropic
- d) Parsimonious

Answer: d) Parsimonious

6. (Connector/Starter)

_____, the CEO’s cavalier approach to data privacy eventually led to a catastrophic breach.

- a) Nevertheless
- b) Unsurprisingly
- c) Conversely
- d) Incidentally

Answer: b) Unsurprisingly

7. (Synonym)

Choose the closest synonym for “**Excoriate**”:

- a) Praise
- b) Lambaste

- c) Console
- d) Exonerate

Answer: b) Lambaste

8. (Antonym)

Choose the opposite of “**Recalcitrant**”:

- a) Obedient
- b) Hostile
- c) Stubborn
- d) Erratic

Answer: a) Obedient

9. (Idiom)

“To throw down the gauntlet” means:

- a) To accept defeat
- b) To issue a challenge
- c) To give up easily
- d) To flee responsibility

Answer: b) To issue a challenge

10. (Word Knowledge)

Which of the following words is most closely related to “**Sycophant**”?

- a) Detractor
- b) Flatterer
- c) Innovator
- d) Maverick

Answer: b) Flatterer

11. (Passage 1: 120 words)

The rise of artificial intelligence has sparked debates about creativity, autonomy, and ethics. While some argue that AI augments human potential, others warn of a creeping dependence that may erode originality. Critics contend that the more we outsource cognitive tasks, the less incentive we have to cultivate our intellectual faculties. Yet, proponents claim that just as calculators did not diminish mathematical reasoning but enhanced it, AI could stimulate new

forms of creativity by liberating us from menial tasks. The truth likely lies in the tension between augmentation and dependency.

Q: The author's attitude toward AI is best described as:

- a) Cynical
- b) Cautiously optimistic
- c) Unreservedly enthusiastic
- d) Apathetic

Answer: b) Cautiously optimistic

12. (Filler)

The soldier's _____ devotion to duty earned him the veneration of his peers.

- a) steadfast
- b) vacillating
- c) whimsical
- d) capricious

Answer: a) steadfast

13. (Analogy)

Pulchritude : *Beauty* :: *Probity* : _____

- a) Intelligence
- b) Morality
- c) Vanity
- d) Arrogance

Answer: b) Morality

14. (Cloze Test)

The young leader's speech was filled with _____ promises that lacked any concrete plan of execution.

- a) pragmatic
- b) grandiloquent
- c) empirical
- d) succinct

Answer: b) grandiloquent

15. (Spot the Error)

Neither the committee members nor the chairman were willing to compromise on their demands.

- a) Neither
- b) committee members
- c) were willing
- d) on their demands

Answer: c) were willing (should be “was willing” because subject = chairman)

16. (Odd one out)

- a) Ubiquitous
- b) Omnipresent
- c) Scarce
- d) Pervasive

Answer: c) Scarce

17. (Synonym)

Choose the closest synonym for “**Facetious**”:

- a) Jocular
- b) Serious
- c) Stern
- d) Austere

Answer: a) Jocular

18. (Antonym)

Opposite of “**Epiphany**” is:

- a) Revelation
- b) Ignorance
- c) Enlightenment
- d) Insight

Answer: b) Ignorance

19. (Phrase Starter)

_____ his rash decisions, the project collapsed within months.

- a) In light of
- b) Instead of
- c) Because of
- d) In spite of

Answer: c) Because of

20. (Word Knowledge)

A person who avoids social interaction due to shyness or fear is called:

- a) Gregarious
- b) Reticent
- c) Magniloquent
- d) Loquacious

Answer: b) Reticent

21. (Passage 2: 110 words)

While democracy is celebrated as a universal good, its implementation often suffers from distortions—moneyed influence, populism, and the tyranny of the majority. Political theorists caution that without vigilant citizens, democracy devolves into little more than a facade. Others maintain that despite its flaws, democracy offers the best safeguard against authoritarianism. The paradox is that democracy's strength lies in its people, yet it is the people who can imperil it by apathy or ignorance.

Q: The central paradox of democracy, as per the passage, is:

- a) It empowers people yet depends on their responsibility
- b) It is superior to authoritarianism
- c) It prevents tyranny of the majority
- d) It has no viable alternative

Answer: a) It empowers people yet depends on their responsibility

22. (Idiom)

"To cry wolf" means:

- a) To raise a false alarm
- b) To exaggerate one's strength
- c) To act cowardly
- d) To surrender prematurely

Answer: a) To raise a false alarm

23. (Analogy)

Loquacious : Talkative :: Taciturn : _____

- a) Silent
- b) Arrogant
- c) Boastful
- d) Rash

Answer: a) Silent

24. (Filler)

Her tone was so _____ that it alienated even her closest supporters.

- a) mellifluous
- b) acrimonious
- c) dulcet
- d) harmonious

Answer: b) acrimonious

25. (Spot the Error)

Each of the managers have submitted their report.

- a) Each
- b) managers
- c) have submitted
- d) their report

Answer: c) have submitted (should be "has submitted")

26. (Odd one out)

- a) Quandary
- b) Dilemma
- c) Predicament
- d) Resolution

Answer: d) Resolution

27. (Synonym)

Closest synonym for "**Clinching**" (as decisive):

- a) Concluding

- b) Ambiguous
- c) Tentative
- d) Vacillating

Answer: a) Concluding

28. (Antonym)

Opposite of “**Magnanimous**”:

- a) Selfish
- b) Generous
- c) Noble
- d) Altruistic

Answer: a) Selfish

29. (Phrase Starter)

_____ he studied diligently, he still failed to grasp the core concepts.

- a) Although
- b) Because
- c) Unless
- d) Since

Answer: a) Although

30. (Cloze Test)

The diplomat's _____ remarks diffused tensions, earning praise from both sides of the negotiation table.

- a) incendiary
- b) tactful
- c) truculent
- d) vitriolic

Answer: b) tactful

31. (Word Knowledge)

The quality of being concise and precise in speech is called:

- a) Verbosity
- b) Brevity

- c) Loquacity
- d) Circumlocution

Answer: b) Brevity

32. (Idiom)

“To move heaven and earth” means:

- a) To make an extraordinary effort
- b) To attempt the impossible
- c) To avoid reality
- d) To create trouble

Answer: a) To make an extraordinary effort

33. (Passage 3: 100 words)

In economic discourse, growth is often celebrated without considering its externalities. Unchecked industrialization may generate wealth but simultaneously degrades the environment, widening inequality. Some argue for “degrowth,” a paradigm that prioritizes sustainability over expansion. Others criticize it as impractical, claiming growth is essential for progress. Ultimately, the debate underscores the tension between prosperity and preservation.

Q: The author’s primary concern is:

- a) Economic inequality
- b) Growth vs sustainability trade-off
- c) Industrial expansion
- d) Degrowth as an alternative

Answer: b) Growth vs sustainability trade-off

34. (Odd one out)

- a) Steadfast
- b) Resolute
- c) Vacillating
- d) Firm

Answer: c) Vacillating

35. (Analogy)

Serendipity : Accident :: Sagacity : _____

- a) Wisdom

- b) Fortune
- c) Coincidence
- d) Ignorance

Answer: a) Wisdom