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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 his vast experience, his arguments were often dismissed as _____ by younger colleagues.

- a) cogent
- b) puerile
- c) incisive
- d) trenchant

Answer: b) puerile

2. (Word Knowledge)

The word *prosaic* is closest in meaning to:

- a) dull
- b) poetic
- c) ornate
- d) lyrical

Answer: a) dull

3. (Spot the Error)

He refrained to comment on the sensitive issue during the press conference.

- a) He
- b) refrained to comment
- c) on the sensitive issue
- d) during the press conference

Answer: b) refrained to comment (*Correct: refrained from commenting*)

4. (Idiom)

“To burn the midnight oil” means:

- a) to waste resources
- b) to work late into the night
- c) to spend extravagantly
- d) to celebrate excessively

Answer: b) to work late into the night

5. (Analogy)

Quixotic : Practical ::

- a) Garrulous : Talkative
- b) Ephemeral : Permanent
- c) Erudite : Scholarly
- d) Austere : Simple

Answer: b) Ephemeral : Permanent

6. (Cloze Test – Passage Excerpt)

The scientist's theory was initially ridiculed as _____, but subsequent research proved it to be remarkably _____.

- a) trivial ... significant
- b) eccentric ... prescient
- c) vague ... irrelevant
- d) erroneous ... futile

Answer: b) eccentric ... prescient

7. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of *veracity*:

- a) falsehood
- b) integrity
- c) cunning
- d) suspicion

Answer: b) integrity

8. (Antonym)

Opposite of *laconic*:

- a) taciturn
- b) verbose
- c) reticent
- d) concise

Answer: b) verbose

9. (Phrase Starter & Connector)

Select the most logical continuation:

“Although his research was groundbreaking, ...”

- a) he was awarded a minor penalty.
- b) critics accused him of plagiarism.
- c) the university refused to recognize him.
- d) it failed to gain immediate recognition.

Answer: d) it failed to gain immediate recognition.

10. (Odd One Out)

- a) ephemeral
- b) transient

- c) perennial
- d) fleeting

Answer: c) perennial

11. (Filler)

Her speech was so _____ that even seasoned politicians found themselves moved.

- a) pedestrian
- b) eloquent
- c) insipid
- d) banal

Answer: b) eloquent

12. (Word Knowledge)

The word *abstruse* most nearly means:

- a) simple
- b) complex
- c) clear
- d) popular

Answer: b) complex

13. (Spot the Error)

Neither of the two friends have submitted their assignment yet.

- a) Neither
- b) of the two friends
- c) have submitted
- d) their assignment yet

Answer: c) have submitted (*Correct: has submitted*)

14. (Idiom)

“To play second fiddle” means:

- a) to dominate
- b) to follow someone’s lead
- c) to deceive
- d) to resign

Answer: b) to follow someone’s lead

15. (Analogy)

Ephemeral : Lasting ::

- a) Garrulous : Silent
- b) Lucid : Clear
- c) Fastidious : Careful
- d) Sporadic : Irregular

Answer: a) Garrulous : Silent

16. (Cloze Test)

The diplomat’s statement was deliberately _____ to avoid sparking further conflict.

- a) ambiguous
- b) candid
- c) reckless
- d) lucid

Answer: a) ambiguous

17. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of *intransigent*:

- a) flexible
- b) stubborn
- c) polite
- d) indecisive

Answer: b) stubborn

18. (Antonym)

Opposite of *magnanimous*:

- a) generous
- b) petty
- c) noble
- d) altruistic

Answer: b) petty

19. (Phrase Starter & Connector)

“Not only did the novel captivate readers with its plot, ...”

- a) but it also explored deep philosophical themes.
- b) and it was completely ignored.
- c) yet critics found nothing new.
- d) so it failed miserably.

Answer: a) but it also explored deep philosophical themes.

20. (Odd One Out)

- a) gregarious
- b) convivial
- c) reclusive
- d) sociable

Answer: c) reclusive

21. (Filler)

The professor’s lecture was filled with _____ details that obscured the main argument.

- a) superfluous
- b) cogent
- c) trenchant
- d) succinct

Answer: a) superfluous

22. (Word Knowledge)

The word *vituperative* is closest in meaning to:

- a) abusive
- b) calm
- c) indifferent
- d) generous

Answer: a) abusive

23. (Spot the Error)

Scarcely had he entered into the hall when the lights went out.

- a) Scarcely
- b) had he entered into
- c) the hall
- d) when the lights went out

Answer: b) had he entered into (*Correct: had he entered the hall*)

24. (Idiom)

“To throw in the towel” means:

- a) to continue fighting
- b) to admit defeat
- c) to waste time
- d) to celebrate

Answer: b) to admit defeat

25. (Analogy)

Palpable : Intangible ::

- a) Silent : Noisy
- b) Abstract : Concrete
- c) Benevolent : Malevolent
- d) Opaque : Transparent

Answer: d) Opaque : Transparent

26. (Cloze Test)

The new law was hailed as a _____ measure, though some critics dismissed it as merely _____.

- a) draconian ... necessary
- b) progressive ... symbolic
- c) regressive ... essential
- d) futile ... groundbreaking

Answer: b) progressive ... symbolic

27. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of *inscrutable*:

- a) transparent
- b) enigmatic
- c) clear
- d) obvious

Answer: b) enigmatic

28. (Antonym)

Opposite of *docile*:

- a) obedient
- b) compliant
- c) submissive
- d) defiant

Answer: d) defiant

29. (Phrase Starter & Connector)

“Given the complexity of the problem, ...”

- a) the solution was found immediately.
- b) it required a simplistic approach.
- c) one cannot expect instant answers.
- d) it was ignored altogether.

Answer: c) one cannot expect instant answers.

30. (Odd One Out)

- a) parsimonious
- b) miserly
- c) frugal
- d) prodigal

Answer: d) prodigal

31. (Doctorate – Passage Based)

Passage (120 words):

The notion of truth in philosophy has undergone significant evolution. Classical correspondence theories held that truth mirrors reality, while coherence theories insisted on consistency within a system of beliefs. Pragmatists, however, argue that truth is validated through utility and practical outcomes. In contemporary discourse, postmodern thinkers question the very existence of objective truth, suggesting it is socially constructed. This plurality of perspectives has made truth not only a metaphysical puzzle but also a socio-political weapon.

Q: According to the passage, pragmatists define truth as:

- a) alignment with reality
- b) consistency with beliefs
- c) socially constructed perception
- d) usefulness in practice

Answer: d) usefulness in practice

32. (Doctorate – Analogy)

Ontology : Existence :: Epistemology :

- a) Reality
- b) Knowledge
- c) Belief
- d) Language

Answer: b) Knowledge

33. (Doctorate – Synonym)

The word *recondite* most nearly means:

- a) obscure
- b) familiar
- c) plain
- d) ordinary

Answer: a) obscure

34. (Doctorate – Antonym)

Opposite of *pulchritude*:

- a) ugliness
- b) charm
- c) beauty
- d) elegance

Answer: a) ugliness

35. (Doctorate – Cloze Test)

His arguments were not only _____ but also so _____ that they alienated even his supporters.

- a) lucid ... persuasive
- b) specious ... vitriolic
- c) cogent ... polite
- d) valid ... conciliatory

Answer: b) specious ... vitriolic