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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. Fill in the Blank

The politician's _____ remarks offended many, though he claimed they were taken out of context.

- a) trenchant
- b) euphemistic
- c) soporific
- d) mellifluous

Answer: a) trenchant

2. Word Knowledge

Which of the following best defines zeitgeist?

- a) A mystical experience
- b) Spirit of the age
- c) A recurring pattern
- d) A tragic downfall

Answer: b) Spirit of the age

3. Spot the Error

Identify the segment containing the error:

Despite of repeated warnings, he persisted in his reckless behavior.

- a) Despite of
- b) repeated warnings
- c) he persisted
- d) in his reckless behavior

Answer: a) Despite of

4. Idiom & Phrase

“To throw down the gauntlet” means:

- a) To accept defeat
- b) To issue a challenge
- c) To apologize publicly
- d) To abandon responsibility

Answer: b) To issue a challenge

5. Analogy

Quibble : Argument :: Cajole : ?

- a) Coerce
- b) Persuade
- c) Betray
- d) Denounce

Answer: b) Persuade

6. Cloze Test

The author's prose was so _____ that readers often felt transported into another world.

- a) pedestrian
- b) evocative
- c) banal
- d) trite

Answer: b) evocative

7. Synonym

Choose the word closest in meaning to consummate.

- a) Mediocre
- b) Complete
- c) Inferior
- d) Partial

Answer: b) Complete

8. Antonym

The opposite of abject is:

- a) Wretched
- b) Exalted
- c) Hopeless
- d) Miserable

Answer: b) Exalted

9. Phrase Starter & Connector

Select the most appropriate completion:

Far from being trivial, the issue was _____.

- a) of paramount importance
- b) neglected deliberately
- c) handled carelessly
- d) disregarded completely

Answer: a) of paramount importance

10. Odd One Out

- a) whimsical
- b) capricious
- c) fanciful
- d) pragmatic

Answer: d) pragmatic

11. Fill in the Blank

The scientist sought to _____ myths with empirical evidence.

- a) debunk
- b) cajole
- c) perpetuate
- d) fabricate

Answer: a) debunk

12. Word Knowledge

Which word refers to a West African oral historian or storyteller?

- a) Herald
- b) Bard
- c) Griot
- d) Chronicler

Answer: c) Griot

13. Spot the Error

Identify the error:

Neither the manager nor the employees was aware of the policy change.

- a) Neither
- b) the manager
- c) nor the employees
- d) was aware

Answer: d) was aware → should be *were aware*

14. Idiom

“To gild the lily” means:

- a) To enhance unnecessarily
- b) To waste resources

- c) To ruin something delicate
- d) To start afresh

Answer: a) To enhance unnecessarily

15. Analogy

Perpetuity : Endless :: Ephemeral : ?

- a) Infinite
- b) Fleeting
- c) Durable
- d) Stable

Answer: b) Fleeting

16. Cloze Test

His arguments were dismissed as _____, focusing only on trivialities.

- a) quibbles
- b) revelations
- c) axioms
- d) dogmas

Answer: a) quibbles

17. Synonym

Choose the synonym for heralded.

- a) Ignored
- b) Announced
- c) Concealed
- d) Defamed

Answer: b) Announced

18. Antonym

The opposite of petulant is:

- a) Irritable
- b) Complaining
- c) Good-humored
- d) Moody

Answer: c) Good-humored

19. Fill in the Blank

The king's speech was a _____ moment in the nation's history, remembered for generations.

- a) flakiness
- b) consummate
- c) heralded
- d) seminal

Answer: d) seminal

20. Passage (100–150 words)

Read and answer:

The digital era has created a paradox. On one hand, it democratizes information, giving voice to individuals previously unheard. On the other, it accelerates misinformation, creating a breeding ground for conspiracy theories. Scholars warn that unless citizens cultivate wariness and critical literacy, societies risk being engulfed by a tide of falsehoods masquerading as truth.

Q. Which word best describes the caution advocated in the passage?

- a) Credulity
- b) Wariness
- c) Compliance
- d) Zeal

Answer: b) Wariness

21. Spot the Error

The committee have reached its decision unanimously.

- a) The committee
- b) have
- c) reached
- d) its decision

Answer: b) have → should be *has*

22. Idiom

“To cry over spilt milk” means:

- a) To regret something irreparable
- b) To complain unnecessarily
- c) To anticipate misfortune
- d) To exaggerate success

Answer: a) To regret something irreparable

23. Analogy

Spree : Excess :: Abstinence : ?

- a) Moderation
- b) Indulgence
- c) Deficiency
- d) Enjoyment

Answer: a) Moderation

24. Cloze Test

The architecture was _____, with animal-shaped motifs decorating every wall.

- a) zoomorphic
- b) geometric
- c) archaic
- d) insipid

Answer: a) zoomorphic

25. Synonym

Choose the synonym for jubilation.

- a) Despair
- b) Elation
- c) Indifference
- d) Calmness

Answer: b) Elation

26. Antonym

Opposite of spurious:

- a) Authentic
- b) False
- c) Fake
- d) Imitative

Answer: a) Authentic

27. Fill in the Blank

The monk was revered, and his disciples were known to _____ his every word.

- a) disregard
- b) embellish
- c) heed
- d) fabricate

Answer: c) heed

28. Word Knowledge

Which word means uncertain reliability or instability?

- a) Flakiness
- b) Fortitude
- c) Tenacity
- d) Resilience

Answer: a) Flakiness

29. Spot the Error

Each of the students have submitted their assignments.

- a) Each
- b) of the students
- c) have submitted
- d) their assignments

Answer: c) have submitted → should be *has submitted*

30. Idiom

“To cut the Gordian knot” means:

- a) To procrastinate indefinitely
- b) To solve a problem boldly
- c) To complicate a matter further
- d) To avoid responsibility

Answer: b) To solve a problem boldly

31. Analogy

Crib : Infant :: Kennel : ?

- a) Lion
- b) Dog
- c) Bird
- d) Fish

Answer: b) Dog

32. Cloze Test

The philosopher's ideas captured the _____ of the 20th century.

- a) zeitgeist
- b) anachronism
- c) mythos
- d) paradox

Answer: a) zeitgeist

33. Synonym

Choose the synonym for augment.

- a) Diminish
- b) Reduce
- c) Increase
- d) Simplify

Answer: c) Increase

34. Antonym

The opposite of ephemeral is:

- a) Transient
- b) Eternal
- c) Fleeting
- d) Short-lived

Answer: b) Eternal

35. Fill in the Blank

The lawyer's arguments were so _____ that even the jury seemed unconvinced.

- a) cogent
- b) flimsy
- c) trenchant
- d) astute

Answer: b) flimsy