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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)

Despite the professor's _____ arguments, the audience remained unconvinced, suspecting that his reasoning was more rhetorical than substantive.

- a) cogent
- b) fallacious
- c) lucid
- d) mellifluous

Answer: a) cogent

2. (Synonym)

Choose the word most similar in meaning to "obfuscate."

- a) clarify
- b) bewilder
- c) illuminate
- d) organize

Answer: b) bewilder

3. (Antonym)

Choose the word opposite in meaning to “abstemious.”

- a) restrained
- b) austere
- c) indulgent
- d) moderate

Answer: c) indulgent

4. (Spot the Error)

Identify the segment with an error:

“Neither the board members was aware of the clause, nor the legal advisors had noticed it.”

- a) Neither the board members
- b) was
- c) nor the legal advisors
- d) had noticed it

Answer: b) was (should be “were”)

5. (Analogy)

Ephemeral : Permanent :: Penury : ?

- a) Wealth
- b) Poverty
- c) Frugality
- d) Scarcity

Answer: a) Wealth

6. (Odd one out)

- a) Ineffable
- b) Inexplicable
- c) Tangible
- d) Unspeakable

Answer: c) Tangible

7. (Idiom/Phrase)

“To throw down the gauntlet” means:

- a) To surrender
- b) To accept defeat
- c) To issue a challenge
- d) To seek reconciliation

Answer: c) To issue a challenge

8. (Word Knowledge)

The word “pulchritude” refers to:

- a) Strength
- b) Beauty
- c) Intelligence
- d) Greed

Answer: b) Beauty

9. (Fill in the Blank)

The monk’s teachings emphasized detachment from material possessions, portraying them as _____ distractions from spiritual growth.

- a) transient
- b) immutable
- c) sacrosanct
- d) perpetual

Answer: a) transient

10. (Phrase Starter/Connector)

Complete the sentence:

“Not only did the committee disregard the proposal, but they also _____.”

- a) implemented it partially
- b) censured its author harshly
- c) applauded the author’s effort
- d) postponed its review

Answer: b) censured its author harshly

11. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of "recalcitrant."

- a) compliant
 - b) obstinate
 - c) submissive
 - d) docile
- Answer: b) obstinate
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12. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of "sagacious."

- a) wise
 - b) prudent
 - c) foolish
 - d) discerning
- Answer: c) foolish
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13. (Cloze Test – Passage)

Fill in the blanks:

The philosopher argued that human freedom is not the absence of constraints but rather the capacity to act with reason. To him, freedom required discipline, without which individuals would be enslaved by their own _____ (i) _____. Hence, he maintained that true liberty involved adherence to principles of rationality rather than succumbing to impulsive _____ (ii) _____.

- (i) a) desires b) constraints c) virtues d) laws
(ii) a) deliberations b) impulses c) calculations d) traditions

Answer: (i) a) desires, (ii) b) impulses

14. (Analogy)

Taciturn : Talkative :: Miser : ?

- a) Philanthropist
- b) Spendthrift
- c) Collector

d) Banker

Answer: b) Spendthrift

15. (Odd one out)

a) Magnanimous

b) Parsimonious

c) Generous

d) Benevolent

Answer: b) Parsimonious

16. (Fill in the Blank)

His writing style is marked by _____, each sentence polished to perfection without unnecessary ornamentation.

a) verbosity

b) conciseness

c) ambiguity

d) diffuseness

Answer: b) conciseness

17. (Word Knowledge)

The term "apocryphal" refers to:

a) Authentic

b) Doubtful authenticity

c) Holy

d) Verified

Answer: b) Doubtful authenticity

18. (Idiom/Phrase)

"To cut the Gordian knot" means:

a) To solve a complex problem with bold action

b) To complicate a simple issue

c) To delay decision-making

d) To avoid responsibility

Answer: a) To solve a complex problem with bold action

19. (Spot the Error)

Identify the error:

“The principal, along with the teachers, are attending the conference.”

a) The principal

b) along with the teachers

c) are

d) attending the conference

Answer: c) are (should be “is”)

20. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of “tenuous.”

a) Strong

b) Flimsy

c) Durable

d) Concrete

Answer: b) Flimsy

21. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of “ebullient.”

a) Enthusiastic

b) Joyful

c) Gloomy

d) Spirited

Answer: c) Gloomy

22. (Phrase Starter/Connector)

“Given the enormity of the crisis, policymakers had no choice but to _____.”

a) ignore public opinion

b) act with immediate urgency

c) postpone decisions indefinitely

d) indulge in rhetoric

Answer: b) act with immediate urgency

23. (Fill in the Blank)

Although his tone appeared _____, his words carried a subtle threat that few failed to notice.

a) benign

b) hostile

c) aggressive

d) inflammatory

Answer: a) benign

24. (Odd one out)

a) Garrulous

b) Loquacious

c) Reticent

d) Verbose

Answer: c) Reticent

25. (Word Knowledge)

The word "quixotic" refers to:

a) Realistic

b) Idealistic but impractical

c) Violent

d) Deceptive

Answer: b) Idealistic but impractical

26. (Analogy)

Opaque : Transparent :: Inimical : ?

a) Friendly

b) Hostile

c) Aggressive

d) Indifferent

Answer: a) Friendly

27. (Fill in the Blank)

The scientist's discovery was dismissed initially as _____, but later recognized as groundbreaking.

- a) trivial
- b) heretical
- c) visionary
- d) speculative

Answer: b) heretical

28. (Idiom/Phrase)

"To burn the candle at both ends" means:

- a) To be extravagant
- b) To waste energy
- c) To overwork oneself
- d) To live luxuriously

Answer: c) To overwork oneself

29. (Spot the Error)

Identify the error:

"Each of the participants have submitted their reports."

- a) Each of the participants
- b) have
- c) submitted
- d) their reports

Answer: b) have (should be "has")

30. (Cloze Test – Passage)

Fill in the blanks:

The advent of artificial intelligence has sparked debates regarding its ethical ramifications. While proponents highlight its potential for efficiency, critics caution against its ability to entrench systemic biases. The danger lies not in the machine itself but in the _____ (i) _____ of its creators. If unchecked, such biases could be amplified on a scale far more _____ (ii) _____ than previously imaginable.

- (i) a) neutrality b) prejudices c) virtues d) ignorance
(ii) a) trivial b) insidious c) benevolent d) negligible

Answer: (i) b) prejudices, (ii) b) insidious

31. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of "soporific."

- a) Exciting
- b) Sleep-inducing
- c) Energetic
- d) Stimulating

Answer: b) Sleep-inducing

32. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of "aberration."

- a) Normality
- b) Anomaly
- c) Irregularity
- d) Oddity

Answer: a) Normality

33. (Odd one out)

- a) Laconic
- b) Brusque
- c) Curt
- d) Loquacious

Answer: d) Loquacious

34. (Word Knowledge)

The word "excoriate" means:

- a) To praise lavishly
- b) To criticize severely
- c) To heal

d) To decorate

Answer: b) To criticize severely

35. (Passage – 120 words)

Passage:

In the realm of economics, the concept of “opportunity cost” remains central yet often misunderstood. It refers not merely to explicit monetary costs but to the value of the foregone alternative—the benefits that could have been obtained had resources been deployed differently. For instance, when a government invests heavily in defense, the true cost includes not just the military expenditure but also the hospitals, schools, or infrastructure that were not built as a result. Understanding opportunity cost requires a mindset attuned to trade-offs, which is essential in both policymaking and individual decision-making.

Question:

What does the passage suggest is the “true” meaning of opportunity cost?

- a) Explicit financial expenditure
- b) Benefits lost from alternatives not chosen
- c) Investments in defense alone
- d) The difference between income and expenses

Answer: b) Benefits lost from alternatives not chosen