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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. The board asked the CFO to _____ the investors of all material risks before the vote.

- A) appraise
- B) apprise
- C) apprize
- D) arise

Answer: B

2. Choose the antonym of *capricious*:

- A) fickle
- B) mercurial
- C) volatile
- D) steadfast

Answer: D

3. Spot the error:

Neither the editors nor the chief reviewer were willing to approve the manuscripts without a second round of peer-review.

- A) were
- B) manuscripts
- C) peer-review
- D) No error

Answer: A (Use was; the verb agrees with the nearer singular subject "chief reviewer".)

4. He delivered a _____ apology: formal, efficient, and emotionally vacant.

- A) perfunctory
- B) ebullient
- C) vociferous
- D) mellifluous

Answer: A

5. Odd one out:

- A) mendacious
- B) deceitful
- C) veracious
- D) duplicitous

Answer: C

6. Choose the synonym of *recondite*:

- A) transparent
- B) obscure
- C) redundant
- D) loquacious

Answer: B

7. Idiom & Phrase: To “cut the Gordian knot” means to:

- A) avoid responsibility
- B) solve a complex problem decisively
- C) complicate a simple issue
- D) retreat strategically

Answer: B

8. The startup's valuation was built on _____ assumptions that no prudent investor would accept.

- A) tenable
- B) precarious
- C) pellucid
- D) sedulous

Answer: B

9. Analogy: Panacea : Cure-all :: Anachronism : _____

- A) time-travel
- B) out-of-time element
- C) redundancy
- D) misnomer

Answer: B

10. Spot the error:

Hardly had the bill been passed when the opposition has filed a petition challenging its constitutionality.

- A) been passed
- B) has filed
- C) constitutionality
- D) No error

Answer: B (Use had filed to maintain past perfect sequence.)

11. Choose the antonym of *parsimonious*:

- A) frugal
- B) spendthrift
- C) tightfisted
- D) miserly

Answer: B

12. He tried to _____ during the cross-examination, but the prosecutor's precision cornered him.

- A) equivocate
- B) elucidate
- C) synthesize
- D) ossify

Answer: A

13. Odd one out:

- A) lugubrious
- B) morose
- C) jocular

D) saturnine

Answer: C

14. The professor's explanations were so _____ that even non-specialists followed the proof.

A) abstruse

B) arcane

C) pellucid

D) tortuous

Answer: C

15. Idiom & Phrase: "A red herring" is best defined as:

A) a decisive solution

B) an irrelevant distraction

C) a risky gamble

D) a necessary evil

Answer: B

16. Passage (≈130 words):

The committee's report, widely celebrated for its transparency, was in fact a masterclass in strategic omission. By foregrounding selective metrics and burying countervailing evidence in dense appendices, the authors engineered a narrative of success while avoiding falsifiable claims. This is not merely sophistry; it is an institutional pattern—what appears as clarity is often a choreography of half-truths. True accountability demands not just data disclosure but epistemic honesty: stating what is unknown, contested, or probabilistic. In the absence of this candor, oversight bodies risk becoming ceremonial, and the public's capacity to discern reality erodes.

Question: What is the primary criticism of the report?

A) It relied on outdated statistical tools.

B) It was transparent but strategically omissive.

C) It was too technical for lay readers.

D) It offered falsifiable claims throughout.

Answer: B

17. Choose the synonym of *intransigent*:

A) flexible

B) compliant

C) obstinate

D) docile

Answer: C

18. Spot the error:

The data, which was collected over five years, demonstrate a significant decline in literacy.

A) was

B) demonstrate

C) decline

D) No error

Answer: B ("Data ... demonstrates" is wrong; either "data ... demonstrate" or "dataset ... demonstrates". Given plural noun "data," verb should be demonstrate.)

19. Fill the blank:

Her critique was so _____ that it dismantled the central premise within minutes.

A) diffident

B) perspicacious

C) obsequious

D) soporific

Answer: B

20. Choose the antonym of *stultify*:

A) invigorate

B) paralyze

C) deaden

D) hinder

Answer: A

21. Analogy: Dogma : Flexibility :: Orthodoxy : _____

A) Conformity

B) Elasticity

C) Innovation

D) Pluralism

Answer: B

22. Idiom & Phrase: "Between Scylla and Charybdis" is closest to:

A) facing two equally dangerous alternatives

- B) making a sudden breakthrough
- C) acting with supreme caution
- D) deceiving an expert

Answer: A

23. Word Knowledge: *Sedulous* most nearly means:

- A) deceitful
- B) diligent
- C) sluggish
- D) pompous

Answer: B

24. Spot the error:

No other phenomenon have baffled physicists as much as dark matter has.

- A) phenomenon
- B) have baffled
- C) dark matter
- D) No error

Answer: A (Use phenomena for plural.)

25. Fill the blank:

The CEO's statement was an artful _____, revealing nothing while appearing candid.

- A) palinode
- B) circumlocution
- C) panegyric
- D) denouement

Answer: B

26. Odd one out:

- A) pellucid
- B) limpid
- C) opaque
- D) lucid

Answer: C

27. Choose the synonym of *lugubrious*:

- A) cheerful
- B) gloomy
- C) radiant
- D) jocose

Answer: B

28. Cloze:

The negotiation reached a _____ balance: neither side was satisfied, yet both claimed victory.

- A) precarious
- B) obdurate
- C) histrionic
- D) meretricious

Answer: A

29. Analogy: Ebullient : Enthusiasm :: Moribund : _____

- A) vitality
- B) decay
- C) growth
- D) exuberance

Answer: B

30. Idiom & Phrase: "To throw in the towel" means to:

- A) celebrate victory
- B) surrender or give up
- C) complicate an issue
- D) retaliate

Answer: B

31. Spot the error:

Each of the researchers have submitted their revisions before the deadline.

- A) have
- B) their
- C) revisions
- D) No error

Answer: A (Use has with "Each".)

32. Choose the antonym of *pellucid*:

- A) transparent
- B) obscure
- C) limpid
- D) lucid

Answer: B

33. Fill the blank:

The court's _____ opinion laid the groundwork for future challenges to the statute.

- A) dissenting
- B) obsequious
- C) meretricious
- D) venal

Answer: A

34. Word Knowledge: *Obstreperous* most nearly means:

- A) noisy and difficult to control
- B) elegantly persuasive
- C) deeply sorrowful
- D) inward-looking

Answer: A

35. Cloze:

He presented the hypothesis as if it were a _____, ignoring the substantial contradictory evidence.

- A) truism
- B) gambit
- C) lacuna
- D) trope

Answer: A