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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 argument was so _____ that even the most skeptical students found themselves persuaded.

- a) tenuous
- b) cogent
- c) nebulous
- d) vacuous

Answer: b) cogent

2. (Word Knowledge)

Choose the correct meaning of prosaic.

- a) Lyrical
- b) Mundane
- c) Imaginative
- d) Flourishing

Answer: b) Mundane

3. (Spot the Error)

Identify the part with an error:

“The committee have decided to postpone its meeting until further notice.”

- a) The committee
- b) have decided
- c) to postpone
- d) its meeting

Answer: b) have decided → should be has decided (committee = singular collective noun)

4. (Analogy)

Ephemeral : Permanent :: Prodigal : ?

- a) Extravagant
- b) Frugal
- c) Impulsive
- d) Wasteful

Answer: b) Frugal

5. (Phrase Starter / Connector)

Complete:

“Not only did the scientist present an innovative hypothesis, _____.”

- a) but also she substantiated it with empirical evidence.
- b) but also he neglected the prior data.
- c) but rather she discarded all conventions.
- d) and moreover her peers questioned it.

Answer: a) but also she substantiated it with empirical evidence.

6. (Filler)

His tone was marked by deep _____, a quiet contempt that needed no words.

- a) disdain
- b) empathy
- c) camaraderie
- d) sagacity

Answer: a) disdain

7. (Odd One Out)

- a) Garrulous
- b) Loquacious
- c) Reticent
- d) Verbose

Answer: c) Reticent (opposite of the others)

8. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To throw down the gauntlet” means:

- a) To surrender
- b) To challenge
- c) To confuse
- d) To negotiate

Answer: b) To challenge

9. (Word Knowledge)

Select the synonym of incorrigible:

- a) Amenable
- b) Unmanageable
- c) Adaptable
- d) Trainable

Answer: b) Unmanageable

10. (Filler)

Despite the team's _____ efforts, the outcome remained uncertain.

- a) lackadaisical
- b) diligent
- c) apathetic
- d) perfunctory

Answer: b) diligent

11. (Synonym)

Choose the closest synonym of aplomb.

- a) Anxiety
- b) Poise
- c) Chaos
- d) Disdain

Answer: b) Poise

12. (Passage – 120 words)

Passage:

The industrial revolution brought unprecedented prosperity, but also entrenched inequalities. While it mechanized production and fostered urban growth, it simultaneously concentrated wealth in the hands of a few. Philosophers of the era debated whether technological progress inherently leads to moral advancement, or whether it merely magnifies existing disparities. In hindsight, one can see both patterns: innovation served as a catalyst for social mobility in certain contexts, yet created exploitative labor systems in others.

Q: The primary argument of the passage is:

- a) Technological progress is always beneficial.
- b) Inequality is an inevitable outcome of industrialization.
- c) Industrial innovation has both positive and negative societal effects.
- d) Philosophers failed to understand industrial impacts.

Answer: c) Industrial innovation has both positive and negative societal effects.

13. (Cloze Test)

The minister's remarks were criticized as _____, lacking any real commitment, and designed merely to _____ public opinion.

- a) forthright ... alienate
- b) equivocal ... mollify
- c) trenchant ... provoke
- d) candid ... galvanize

Answer: b) equivocal ... mollify

14. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of magnanimous.

- a) Generous
- b) Petty
- c) Noble
- d) Benevolent

Answer: b) Petty

15. (Analogy)

Insomnia : Sleep :: Dyslexia : ?

- a) Reading
- b) Writing
- c) Memory
- d) Vision

Answer: a) Reading

16. (Spot the Error)

“Neither the manager nor his assistants was willing to compromise on their demand.”

- a) Neither
- b) was willing
- c) to compromise
- d) their demand

Answer: d) their demand → should be his demand (agreement mismatch)

17. (Synonym)

Choose the synonym of cajole.

- a) Coerce
- b) Persuade
- c) Rebuke
- d) Resist

Answer: b) Persuade

18. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To bite the bullet” means:

- a) To endure pain with courage
- b) To avoid responsibility
- c) To act recklessly
- d) To make peace

Answer: a) To endure pain with courage

19. (Odd One Out)

- a) Astute
- b) Shrewd
- c) Naïve
- d) Perspicacious

Answer: c) Naïve

20. (Filler)

The CEO’s sudden resignation created a _____ of uncertainty within the organization.

- a) maelstrom
- b) bastion
- c) covenant
- d) sanctuary

Answer: a) maelstrom

21. (Word Knowledge)

The word pugnacious refers to someone who is:

- a) Argumentative
- b) Compassionate
- c) Melancholic
- d) Passive

Answer: a) Argumentative

22. (Phrase Connector)

Complete:

“The data was inconclusive; _____, the researchers hesitated to publish the findings.”

- a) consequently
- b) nevertheless
- c) although
- d) henceforth

Answer: a) consequently

23. (Antonym)

Choose the antonym of munificent.

- a) Charitable
- b) Stingy
- c) Benevolent
- d) Magnificent

Answer: b) Stingy

24. (Analogy)

Dogged : Perseverance :: Fickle : ?

- a) Loyalty
- b) Changeability
- c) Devotion
- d) Stability

Answer: b) Changeability

25. (Filler)

Her remarks were so _____ that they left the audience oscillating between admiration and offense.

- a) caustic
- b) mellifluous
- c) mundane
- d) insipid

Answer: a) caustic

26. (Spot the Error)

"If I was you, I would reconsider the proposal."

- a) If I was
- b) you
- c) I would reconsider
- d) the proposal

Answer: a) If I was → should be If I were (subjunctive mood)

27. (Synonym)

Closest synonym of lucid:

- a) Opaque
- b) Clear
- c) Ambiguous
- d) Dull

Answer: b) Clear

28. (Antonym)

Opposite of ebullient:

- a) Cheerful
- b) Morose
- c) Excitable
- d) Vivacious

Answer: b) Morose

29. (Cloze Test)

The diplomat handled the crisis with remarkable _____, ensuring that neither side felt humiliated.

- a) tact
- b) hubris

- c) derision
- d) levity

Answer: a) tact

30. (Idioms & Phrases)

"To cut the Gordian knot" means:

- a) To delay the inevitable
- b) To solve a problem boldly
- c) To create confusion
- d) To complicate matters

Answer: b) To solve a problem boldly

31. (Odd One Out)

- a) Penurious
- b) Impecunious
- c) Affluent
- d) Destitute

Answer: c) Affluent

32. (Word Knowledge)

Meaning of esoteric:

- a) Commonplace
- b) Understood by a few
- c) Transparent
- d) Universal

Answer: b) Understood by a few

33. (Analogy)

Hermit : Solitude :: Epicure : ?

- a) Hunger

- b) Wealth
- c) Pleasure
- d) Food

Answer: d) Food

34. (Filler)

The young researcher was praised for her _____ approach, questioning long-held assumptions fearlessly.

- a) iconoclastic
- b) deferential
- c) submissive
- d) orthodox

Answer: a) iconoclastic

35. (Passage – 110 words)

Passage:

In political discourse, rhetoric often overshadows substance. Leaders may cloak empty promises in elaborate language, thereby appealing more to emotion than to logic. Yet, persuasive speech is not inherently deceptive—it can illuminate, inspire, and mobilize. The tension arises when eloquence substitutes for concrete action, leaving citizens disillusioned. The central challenge lies in discerning rhetoric that clarifies vision from that which merely manipulates perception.

Q: According to the passage, rhetoric is problematic primarily when:

- a) It is too elaborate.
- b) It manipulates without delivering substance.
- c) It appeals to emotion.
- d) It inspires citizens.

Answer: b) It manipulates without delivering substance.