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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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Q1. (Filler)

The professor's lecture was so _____ that even the most attentive students struggled to maintain focus.

- a) lucid
- b) soporific
- c) scintillating
- d) trenchant

Answer: b) soporific

Q2. (Word Knowledge)

Which of the following best describes *palimpsest*?

- a) A type of ancient coin
- b) A manuscript with layers of writing
- c) A mathematical puzzle
- d) A religious chant

Answer: b) A manuscript with layers of writing

Q3. (Analogy)

Sui generis : Unique :: *Prosaic* : _____

- a) Extraordinary
- b) Dull
- c) Complex

d) Witty

Answer: b) Dull

Q4. (Odd one out)

a) lugubrious

b) jubilant

c) melancholic

d) despondent

Answer: b) jubilant

Q5. (Synonym)

Choose the word closest in meaning to *sluggish*:

a) lethargic

b) ebullient

c) vivacious

d) mercurial

Answer: a) lethargic

Q6. (Cloze Test)

The CEO's sudden resignation created a(n) _____ in the company's stock market performance, leaving investors _____.

a) surge, jubilant

b) plummet, bewildered

c) stability, reassured

d) plateau, indifferent

Answer: b) plummet, bewildered

Q7. (Spot the Error)

Identify the part with an error:

"The committee have decided to adjourn the meeting until further notice."

a) The committee

b) have decided

c) to adjourn

d) until further notice

Answer: b) have decided (should be *has decided*)

Q8. (Idioms & Phrases)

"To throw in the towel" means:

- a) To start a fight
- b) To admit defeat
- c) To offer compromise
- d) To celebrate victory

Answer: b) To admit defeat

Q9. (Antonym)

Choose the opposite of *trenchant*:

- a) incisive
- b) dull
- c) sharp
- d) penetrating

Answer: b) dull

Q10. (Connector/Starter)

Complete the sentence: *Not only did the new regulations increase compliance costs,*

_____.

- a) but they also fostered transparency in operations.
 - b) whereas they were ignored by most businesses.
 - c) and so corruption flourished unchecked.
 - d) therefore the government repealed them.
- Answer: a) but they also fostered transparency in operations.
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Q11. (Word Knowledge)

Defunct most nearly means:

- a) operational
 - b) obsolete
 - c) relevant
 - d) mandatory
- Answer: b) obsolete
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Q12. (Filler)

Despite his _____ rhetoric, the politician failed to persuade the audience, who saw through his hollow promises.

- a) mellifluous
- b) pedestrian

- c) eloquent
 - d) trenchant
- Answer: b) pedestrian
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Q13. (Passage-Based)

Read the passage:

In contemporary discourse, the line between truth and misinformation is increasingly blurred. Digital platforms amplify voices, but without discernment, they also propagate falsehoods. This phenomenon challenges not only journalism but the very foundation of democratic deliberation.

Question: The word *discernment* as used in the passage most nearly means:

- a) indifference
- b) careful judgment
- c) apathy
- d) deception

Answer: b) careful judgment

Q14. (Synonym)

Scuffle is closest in meaning to:

- a) skirmish
- b) harmony
- c) alliance
- d) contract

Answer: a) skirmish

Q15. (Phrase/Idiom)

"To cut the Gordian knot" means:

- a) To solve a problem through bold action
- b) To avoid responsibility
- c) To make matters worse
- d) To complicate an issue

Answer: a) To solve a problem through bold action

Q16. (Odd one out)

- a) ephemeral
- b) transitory
- c) fleeting

d) perpetual

Answer: d) perpetual

Q17. (Analogy)

Ephemeral : Short-lived :: *Immutable* : _____

a) permanent

b) unstable

c) malleable

d) fleeting

Answer: a) permanent

Q18. (Antonym)

Opposite of *sanguine*:

a) optimistic

b) morose

c) cheerful

d) hopeful

Answer: b) morose

Q19. (Cloze Test)

Her argument was so _____ that even seasoned debaters were left _____.

a) cogent, impressed

b) incoherent, enlightened

c) ambiguous, convinced

d) trenchant, indifferent

Answer: a) cogent, impressed

Q20. (Spot the Error)

"The data suggest that the hypothesis is correct."

a) The data

b) suggest

c) that the hypothesis

d) is correct

Answer:  No error (correct usage: *data* as plural → *suggest*)

Q21. (Word Knowledge)

Which best defines *lugubrious*?

- a) excessively cheerful
- b) mournful and gloomy
- c) highly energetic
- d) optimistic

Answer: b) mournful and gloomy

Q22. (Filler)

The philanthropist's _____ generosity left a lasting impact on the community.

- a) parsimonious
- b) munificent
- c) miserly
- d) niggardly

Answer: b) munificent

Q23. (Phrase/Connector)

Complete the sentence: _____, *the scientist's breakthrough was initially dismissed as fanciful speculation.*

- a) Paradoxically
- b) Conversely
- c) Similarly
- d) Nevertheless

Answer: d) Nevertheless

Q24. (Analogy)

Didactic : Teaching :: *Ephemeral* : _____

- a) Lasting
- b) Short-lived
- c) Strong
- d) Wise

Answer: b) Short-lived

Q25. (Odd one out)

- a) magnanimous
- b) benevolent
- c) altruistic

d) malevolent

Answer: d) malevolent

Q26. (Synonym)

Choose the word closest in meaning to *hasten*:

a) accelerate

b) delay

c) procrastinate

d) defer

Answer: a) accelerate

Q27. (Cloze Test)

Although initially met with _____, the new policy gradually gained acceptance among the public.

a) acclaim

b) resistance

c) enthusiasm

d) reverence

Answer: b) resistance

Q28. (Idioms)

"To bell the cat" means:

a) To accomplish an impossible task

b) To tame a dangerous animal

c) To expose fraud

d) To act cautiously

Answer: a) To accomplish an impossible task

Q29. (Spot the Error)

"Each of the players are expected to report by 9 a.m."

a) Each of the players

b) are expected

c) to report

d) by 9 a.m.

Answer: b) are expected (should be *is expected*)

Q30. (Antonym)

Opposite of *placate*:

- a) soothe
- b) provoke
- c) appease
- d) pacify

Answer: b) provoke

Q31. (Connector)

Complete: *He worked tirelessly, _____ he was denied recognition.*

- a) but
- b) hence
- c) so
- d) therefore

Answer: a) but

Q32. (Word Knowledge)

Wreak most nearly means:

- a) to cause damage
- b) to decorate
- c) to prevent
- d) to negotiate

Answer: a) to cause damage

Q33. (Analogy)

Hermit : Solitude :: *Epicure* : _____

- a) Wealth
- b) Luxury
- c) Food
- d) Fame

Answer: c) Food

Q34. (Synonym)

Choose the closest word to *despair*:

- a) hope
- b) anguish
- c) delight

d) joy

Answer: b) anguish

Q35. (Passage-Based)

The philosopher argued that human progress is not linear but cyclical, driven less by technological advancements and more by recurring patterns of human folly. The optimism of one age often gives way to the disillusionment of another.

Question: The tone of the passage is best described as:

a) jubilant

b) cynical

c) indifferent

d) nostalgic

Answer: b) cynical