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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. (Fillers)

The professor's argument was so _____ that even seasoned scholars found it difficult to follow.

- a) lucid
- b) abstruse
- c) banal
- d) pellucid

Answer: b) abstruse

2. (Word Knowledge – Synonym)

Choose the word most similar in meaning to *inimical*.

- a) Hostile
- b) Friendly
- c) Neutral
- d) Generous

Answer: a) Hostile

3. (Spot the Error)

Identify the part that contains an error:

- a) Neither the committee members /
- b) nor the chairman /
- c) were willing to /
- d) compromise on the proposal.

Answer: c) were → was

4. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To cut the Gordian knot” means:

- a) To find a complex solution
- b) To solve a problem by bold action
- c) To delay decision-making
- d) To complicate an issue further

Answer: b) To solve a problem by bold action

5. (Analogy)

Ephemeral : Permanent :: Garrulous : ?

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

Answer: b) Reticent

6. (Fillers – Double Blank)

The scientist's theory, though initially ridiculed, gained _____ after decades of experiments and is now regarded as a _____ discovery.

- a) obscurity, trivial
- b) credence, seminal
- c) derision, redundant
- d) suspicion, ephemeral

Answer: b) credence, seminal

7. (Odd One Out)

Choose the odd word:

- a) Avarice
- b) Cupidity
- c) Philanthropy
- d) Greed

Answer: c) Philanthropy

8. (Synonym)

Choose the closest meaning of *redolent*.

- a) Fragrant
- b) Hostile
- c) Vacant
- d) Mundane

Answer: a) Fragrant

9. (Phrase Starter)

Complete the sentence meaningfully:

Had the board considered the long-term consequences...

- a) it might not have approved the merger so hastily.
- b) they will cancel the previous decision immediately.
- c) the employees would have resigned en masse.
- d) none of these.

Answer: a) it might not have approved the merger so hastily.

10. (Cloze Test – Passage 1)

Fill in the blanks:

The philosopher argued that morality is not a set of arbitrary rules but a _____ principle derived from reason itself. To ignore it is to act against one's own rational _____.

- a) universal, nature
- b) transient, whim
- c) subjective, desire
- d) contingent, fancy

Answer: a) universal, nature

11. (Word Knowledge – Antonym)

Choose the opposite of *profligate*.

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

Answer: b) Frugal

12. (Idioms)

“Play second fiddle” means:

- a) To act as a rival
- b) To take a subordinate role
- c) To be highly competitive
- d) To perform flawlessly

Answer: b) To take a subordinate role

13. (Fillers)

The debate soon descended into a _____ of accusations, leaving the audience more _____ than enlightened.

- a) cacophony, bewildered
- b) harmony, inspired
- c) stream, motivated
- d) consensus, convinced

Answer: a) cacophony, bewildered

14. (Spot the Error)

- a) The data collected by the survey /
- b) reveals several striking trends /
- c) that has not been previously identified /
- d) in similar studies.

Answer: c) has → have

15. (Analogy)

Mercurial : Consistency :: Magnanimous : ?

- a) Vindictive
- b) Generous
- c) Forgiving
- d) Hostile

Answer: a) Vindictive

16. (Cloze Test – Passage 2)

The poet's work is celebrated not for its adherence to form but for its _____ quality, which seems to capture the fleeting essence of human _____.

- a) rigid, permanence
- b) ethereal, experience
- c) banal, behavior
- d) concrete, stability

Answer: b) ethereal, experience

17. (Word Knowledge – Synonym)

Obdurate means:

- a) Flexible
- b) Stubborn
- c) Weak
- d) Compassionate

Answer: b) Stubborn

18. (Odd One Out)

- a) Laconic
- b) Reticent
- c) Taciturn
- d) Garrulous

Answer: d) Garrulous

19. (Antonym)

Choose the opposite of *obfuscate*.

- a) Clarify
- b) Complicate
- c) Distort
- d) Confuse

Answer: a) Clarify

20. (Phrase Connector)

Select the option that joins meaningfully:

The committee opposed the proposal...

- a) although they considered it vital.
- b) as it lacked empirical evidence.
- c) since everyone had already agreed.
- d) none of the above.

Answer: b) as it lacked empirical evidence.

21. (Fillers – Advanced)

Though the CEO presented a façade of _____, insiders knew his decisions were often _____ by personal bias.

- a) impartiality, vitiated
- b) arrogance, strengthened
- c) diligence, bolstered
- d) humility, supported

Answer: a) impartiality, vitiated

22. (Word Knowledge – Synonym)

Choose the closest meaning of *quotidian*.

- a) Rare
- b) Mundane
- c) Festive
- d) Enigmatic

Answer: b) Mundane

23. (Idioms & Phrases)

“To move heaven and earth” means:

- a) To delay a project unnecessarily
- b) To make every possible effort
- c) To exaggerate beyond limits
- d) To challenge destiny

Answer: b) To make every possible effort

24. (Spot the Error)

- a) No sooner had the speaker begun /
- b) then the audience erupted /
- c) with applause, signaling their /
- d) enthusiastic approval.

Answer: b) then → than

25. (Analogy)

Recalcitrant : Obedient :: Sagacious : ?

- a) Foolish
- b) Wise
- c) Clever
- d) Shrewd

Answer: a) Foolish

26. (Odd One Out)

- a) Prodigious
- b) Extravagant
- c) Parsimonious
- d) Spendthrift

Answer: c) Parsimonious

27. (Cloze Test – Passage 3)

Despite his _____ reputation, the critic's reviews were regarded as _____ by the public and industry professionals alike.

- a) tarnished, authoritative
- b) sterling, irrelevant
- c) dubious, trustworthy
- d) malicious, credible

Answer: a) tarnished, authoritative

28. (Word Knowledge – Antonym)

Antonym of *pulchritude*.

- a) Beauty
- b) Elegance
- c) Ugliness
- d) Grace

Answer: c) Ugliness

29. (Fillers – Advanced)

The minister's speech was laced with such _____ rhetoric that discerning listeners could easily see through the _____ of sincerity.

- a) hollow, veneer

- b) powerful, depth
- c) profound, authenticity
- d) vivid, genuineness

Answer: a) hollow, veneer

30. (Idioms)

“To throw down the gauntlet” means:

- a) To accept defeat
- b) To issue a challenge
- c) To surrender with honor
- d) To end hostility

Answer: b) To issue a challenge

31. (Word Knowledge – Synonym)

Execrable most nearly means:

- a) Admirable
- b) Detestable
- c) Respectable
- d) Remarkable

Answer: b) Detestable

32. (Spot the Error)

- a) Each of the students /
- b) have submitted /
- c) their assignments /
- d) before the deadline.

Answer: b) have → has

33. (Passage – 100 words)

Read the passage and answer the question:

"The rise of artificial intelligence presents a paradox. While automation promises unprecedented efficiency, it also threatens to render obsolete countless jobs that have historically defined human contribution. The challenge lies not in resisting technological progress but in recalibrating education, labor, and governance structures to ensure inclusivity. Societies that adapt swiftly will thrive; those that stagnate risk exacerbating inequality."

Q: The author's central argument is that:

- a) AI will inevitably cause unemployment.
- b) Societies must restructure systems to adapt to AI.
- c) Education has no role in technological change.
- d) Technological progress must be resisted.

Answer: b) Societies must restructure systems to adapt to AI.

34. (Analogy)

Sycophant : Flattery :: Iconoclast : ?

- a) Tradition
- b) Innovation
- c) Power
- d) Respect

Answer: a) Tradition

35. (Odd One Out – High Rigor)

- a) Esoteric
- b) Recondite
- c) Arcane
- d) Transparent

Answer: d) Transparent