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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 his _____ demeanor, he was the most ruthless negotiator in the room.

- A) genial
- B) irascible
- C) taciturn
- D) flamboyant

Answer: A) genial

2. Word Knowledge:

Which of the following is the closest meaning of “esoteric”?

- A) Easily understood by all
- B) Intended for or understood by only a small group
- C) Widely accepted truth
- D) Related to aesthetic beauty

Answer: B) Intended for or understood by only a small group

3. Cloze Test:

He was so _____ in his methods that even a minor deviation would agitate him.

- A) punctilious
- B) negligent
- C) arbitrary

D) capricious

Answer: A) punctilious

4. Spot the error:

She was so much confident in her ability to win the debate that she barely prepared.

A) so much confident

B) in her ability

C) to win the debate

D) that she barely prepared

Answer: A) so much confident (should be "so confident")

5. Idiom/Phrase:

"To throw down the gauntlet" means:

A) To surrender

B) To issue a challenge

C) To accept defeat gracefully

D) To change one's opinion suddenly

Answer: B) To issue a challenge

6. Fill in the blank:

The scientist's work was criticized for being too _____, relying heavily on assumptions without empirical evidence.

A) speculative

B) pragmatic

C) empirical

D) rigorous

Answer: A) speculative

7. Analogy:

Sycophant : Flattery :: Iconoclast : _____

A) Reverence

B) Criticism

C) Tradition

D) Worship

Answer: C) Tradition

8. Phrase Starter & Connector:

Select the best continuation:

“While the government claimed the reforms were necessary, _____.”

- A) there is widespread belief they were politically motivated
- B) they were implemented smoothly without any opposition
- C) citizens welcomed the move without hesitation
- D) analysts praised them for being transparent

Answer: A) there is widespread belief they were politically motivated

9. Word Knowledge:

The antonym of magnanimous is:

- A) petty
- B) generous
- C) altruistic
- D) noble

Answer: A) petty

10. Odd One Out:

- A) Pragmatic
 - B) Practical
 - C) Idealistic
 - D) Realistic
- Answer: C) Idealistic
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11. Cloze Test:

Her tone was so _____ that it was impossible to tell whether she was joking or being serious.

- A) sardonic
 - B) earnest
 - C) effusive
 - D) garrulous
- Answer: A) sardonic
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12. Spot the error:

The committee has decided to postpone the meeting till further notice.

- A) has decided
- B) to postpone
- C) till further notice

D) No error

Answer: C) till further notice (should be "until further notice")

13. Idiom/Phrase:

"To cut the Gordian knot" means:

A) To avoid a problem

B) To solve a complex problem in a simple way

C) To worsen a situation

D) To leave a problem unresolved

Answer: B) To solve a complex problem in a simple way

14. Fill in the blank:

The author's style was so _____ that it alienated casual readers but delighted scholars.

A) abstruse

B) lucid

C) pedestrian

D) accessible

Answer: A) abstruse

15. Passage (Read and answer):

Passage:

Although artificial intelligence promises to revolutionize industries, its rapid deployment raises ethical dilemmas. From biases embedded in algorithms to mass job displacement, the pace of innovation often outstrips regulation. Experts argue that without proactive governance, we risk creating systems that are both powerful and unaccountable.

Question:

Which of the following best captures the central idea of the passage?

A) AI's benefits outweigh its risks.

B) Regulation must keep pace with AI development to avoid negative consequences.

C) AI is inherently dangerous and should be banned.

D) Technological progress should not be prioritized.

Answer: B) Regulation must keep pace with AI development to avoid negative consequences.

16. Word Knowledge:

Synonym of intransigent:

A) flexible

B) uncompromising
C) docile
D) obedient
Answer: B) uncompromising

17. Analogy:
Ephemeral : Transient :: Perennial : _____
A) Temporary
B) Eternal
C) Fleeting
D) Momentary
Answer: B) Eternal

18. Fill in the blank:
The diplomat's _____ approach helped avoid a potentially dangerous conflict.
A) bellicose
B) conciliatory
C) truculent
D) aggressive
Answer: B) conciliatory

19. Spot the error:
Neither of the two candidates, along with their supporters, are willing to compromise.
A) Neither of the two candidates
B) along with their supporters
C) are
D) willing to compromise
Answer: C) are (should be "is")

20. Odd One Out:
A) Loquacious
B) Garrulous
C) Reticent
D) Talkative
Answer: C) Reticent

21. Cloze Test:

His theories were dismissed as _____ until experimental evidence proved them correct.

- A) heretical
- B) orthodox
- C) banal
- D) spurious

Answer: A) heretical

22. Idiom/Phrase:

“To burn the candle at both ends” means:

- A) To waste resources recklessly
- B) To overwork oneself
- C) To celebrate extravagantly
- D) To create unnecessary problems

Answer: B) To overwork oneself

23. Word Knowledge:

Antonym of placate:

- A) pacify
- B) enrage
- C) appease
- D) soothe

Answer: B) enrage

24. Phrase Starter & Connector:

“Given the complexity of the situation, _____.”

- A) a hasty decision could prove disastrous
- B) it was resolved immediately without much thought
- C) everyone agreed on the solution instantly
- D) the matter was irrelevant to further discussion

Answer: A) a hasty decision could prove disastrous

25. Fill in the blank:

The new law is so _____ that even legal scholars are struggling to interpret it.

- A) ambiguous
- B) transparent
- C) straightforward

D) simplistic

Answer: A) ambiguous

26. Passage (Read and answer):

Passage:

In the late 19th century, the rise of public libraries transformed access to knowledge. Previously, books were a privilege of the wealthy; libraries democratized learning, enabling self-education across social classes. Critics, however, worried that such easy access might dilute the value of education.

Question:

What was the main criticism of public libraries at the time?

A) They were too expensive to maintain.

B) They would make books less valuable.

C) They could undermine the exclusivity of education.

D) They were inaccessible to rural communities.

Answer: C) They could undermine the exclusivity of education.

27. Analogy:

Meticulous : Carelessness :: Audacious : _____

A) Fearlessness

B) Timidity

C) Boldness

D) Recklessness

Answer: B) Timidity

28. Cloze Test:

The senator's speech was filled with _____ remarks intended to provoke rather than persuade.

A) inflammatory

B) conciliatory

C) pacific

D) diplomatic

Answer: A) inflammatory

29. Spot the error:

Scarcely had we reached the station when the train left.

- A) Scarcely had
- B) we reached
- C) the station when
- D) the train left

Answer: C) the station when (should be “the station than”)

30. Word Knowledge:

Synonym of quixotic:

- A) Realistic
- B) Idealistic
- C) Practical
- D) Sensible

Answer: B) Idealistic

31. Odd One Out:

- A) Candid
- B) Frank
- C) Sincere
- D) Deceptive

Answer: D) Deceptive

32. Idiom/Phrase:

“To keep something at bay” means:

- A) To avoid or prevent something
- B) To embrace something eagerly
- C) To delay the inevitable
- D) To hide something

Answer: A) To avoid or prevent something

33. Fill in the blank:

Her argument was both _____ and well-structured, leaving no room for doubt.

- A) cogent
- B) fallacious
- C) dubious
- D) spurious

Answer: A) cogent

34. Word Knowledge:

Antonym of insipid:

- A) bland
- B) dull
- C) savory
- D) tasteless

Answer: C) savory

35. Cloze Test:

The company's sudden collapse was a _____ reminder of the dangers of overexpansion.

- A) salutary
- B) pernicious
- C) negligible
- D) trivial

Answer: A) salutary