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**35 Daily Vocabulary MCQs**

**Vocab Level: Graduate (05), Post-Graduate(20), Doctorate (10)**

**Score (Out of 35):**

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**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)

Despite his \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward criticism, the young researcher continued to refine his work meticulously.

- a) complacent
- b) impervious
- c) docile
- d) hesitant

Answer: b) impervious

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2. (Synonym)

Choose the word closest in meaning to "obfuscate."

- a) clarify
- b) obscure
- c) elevate
- d) expand

Answer: b) obscure

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3. (Antonym)

Opposite of "punctilious."

- a) meticulous
- b) careless
- c) exacting

d) scrupulous

Answer: b) careless

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4. (Analogy)

Ephemeral : Temporary :: Pernicious : ?

a) harmful

b) lasting

c) harmless

d) benevolent

Answer: a) harmful

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5. (Spot the Error)

He has a proclivity for taking unnecessary risks, which often land him into trouble.

a) for

b) unnecessary

c) land

d) into

Answer: d) into (*Correct: land him in trouble*)

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6. (Cloze Test – Passage)

Many philosophers argue that true freedom lies not in the absence of restrictions but in the \_\_\_\_\_ of reason to guide desires. Without rational self-mastery, freedom degenerates into \_\_\_\_\_ chaos.

a) abdication / harmonious

b) sovereignty / anarchic

c) repression / ordered

d) violation / tranquil

Answer: b) sovereignty / anarchic

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7. (Phrase Starter / Connector)

Choose the correct completion:

“Far from being a mark of weakness, \_\_\_\_\_.”

a) resilience exemplifies sheer arrogance.

b) perseverance often connotes self-indulgence.

c) vulnerability can signify profound strength.

d) obstinacy reveals intellectual rigor.

Answer: c) vulnerability can signify profound strength.

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8. (Word Knowledge)

The professor's tone was didactic. Here, "didactic" means:

- a) entertaining
- b) instructional
- c) sarcastic
- d) redundant

Answer: b) instructional

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9. (Odd one out)

- a) altruism
- b) magnanimity
- c) misanthropy
- d) benevolence

Answer: c) misanthropy

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10. (Idioms & Phrases)

Meaning of "throw in the towel."

- a) To begin enthusiastically
- b) To surrender or give up
- c) To delay progress
- d) To encourage persistence

Answer: b) To surrender or give up

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11. (Filler)

The CEO's speech was so full of \_\_\_\_\_ platitudes that it failed to inspire even the most loyal employees.

- a) insipid
- b) scintillating
- c) trenchant
- d) succinct

Answer: a) insipid

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12. (Analogy)

Hermit : Solitude :: Connoisseur : ?

- a) ignorance
- b) knowledge

c) discernment

d) disdain

Answer: c) discernment

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13. (Synonym)

Select the closest meaning to "quixotic."

a) practical

b) idealistic

c) cautious

d) realistic

Answer: b) idealistic

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14. (Antonym)

Opposite of "vindicate."

a) absolve

b) incriminate

c) exonerate

d) liberate

Answer: b) incriminate

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15. (Spot the Error)

Neither the board members nor the chairman were willing to approve the contentious proposal.

a) Neither

b) nor

c) were

d) to approve

Answer: c) were (*Correct: chairman was willing*)

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16. (Word Knowledge)

A person who deliberately stirs up conflict is called:

a) pacifist

b) provocateur

c) conciliator

d) recluse

Answer: b) provocateur

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17. (Cloze Test – Passage)

The scientist's groundbreaking theory was initially met with \_\_\_\_\_, yet over time, it gained \_\_\_\_\_ recognition for its ingenuity.

- a) skepticism / universal
- b) enthusiasm / fleeting
- c) indifference / dubious
- d) acclaim / hesitant

Answer: a) skepticism / universal

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18. (Idioms & Phrases)

"To cut the Gordian knot" means:

- a) to complicate further
- b) to solve a problem boldly
- c) to delay a solution
- d) to refuse responsibility

Answer: b) to solve a problem boldly

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19. (Analogy)

Insomnia : Sleep :: Dyslexia : ?

- a) reading
- b) writing
- c) speaking
- d) memory

Answer: a) reading

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20. (Odd one out)

- a) laconic
- b) terse
- c) verbose
- d) succinct

Answer: c) verbose

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21. (Phrase Starter / Connector)

"Contrary to popular belief, \_\_\_\_\_."

- a) success requires little preparation.
- b) mediocrity is the hallmark of genius.
- c) innovation thrives in constraints.

d) adversity guarantees failure.

Answer: c) innovation thrives in constraints.

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22. (Synonym)

Closest meaning of "abstruse."

- a) simple
- b) obscure
- c) transparent
- d) vivid

Answer: b) obscure

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23. (Antonym)

Opposite of "trenchant."

- a) incisive
- b) blunt
- c) sharp
- d) forceful

Answer: b) blunt

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24. (Spot the Error)

The committee has decided to postpone the meeting owing of unforeseen circumstances.

- a) has decided
- b) postpone
- c) owing of
- d) circumstances

Answer: c) owing of (*Correct: owing to*)

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25. (Filler)

Her remarks were so \_\_\_\_\_ that even the seasoned diplomat struggled to remain composed.

- a) conciliatory
- b) caustic
- c) docile
- d) placid

Answer: b) caustic

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26. (Word Knowledge)

A short, witty saying expressing a general truth is called a:

- a) parable
- b) epigram
- c) metaphor
- d) satire

Answer: b) epigram

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27. (Cloze Test – Passage)

Despite his outward confidence, the candidate's voice betrayed a note of \_\_\_\_\_ that made the audience question his \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) trepidation / conviction
- b) arrogance / humility
- c) humor / seriousness
- d) bravado / confidence

Answer: a) trepidation / conviction

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28. (Idioms & Phrases)

"To gild the lily" means:

- a) to spoil something by trying to improve it
- b) to beautify genuinely
- c) to deceive someone cleverly
- d) to exaggerate flaws

Answer: a) to spoil something by trying to improve it

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29. (Analogy)

Arid : Desert :: Fertile : ?

- a) wasteland
- b) oasis
- c) valley
- d) soil

Answer: d) soil

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30. (Odd one out)

- a) ephemeral
- b) transient
- c) perpetual

d) fleeting

Answer: c) perpetual

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31. (Phrase Starter / Connector)

“No sooner had she entered the room \_\_\_\_\_.”

a) when everyone started applauding.

b) than everyone started applauding.

c) then everyone started applauding.

d) everyone started applauding when.

Answer: b) than everyone started applauding.

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32. (Word Knowledge)

A person who opposes all forms of government is a:

a) anarchist

b) nihilist

c) stoic

d) realist

Answer: a) anarchist

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33. (Antonym)

Opposite of “magnanimous.”

a) petty

b) generous

c) forgiving

d) altruistic

Answer: a) petty

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34. (Filler)

The artist’s latest installation was praised for its \_\_\_\_\_ originality and criticized for its \_\_\_\_\_ complexity.

a) derivative / excessive

b) unparalleled / baffling

c) mundane / lucid

d) dubious / shallow

Answer: b) unparalleled / baffling

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35. (Passage-based MCQ, 150 words)

*Passage:*

Throughout history, societies have grappled with the paradox of progress: technological advancements that promise liberation often engender new dependencies. While the printing press democratized knowledge, it also entrenched political propaganda. Similarly, the internet has broadened access to information but has simultaneously facilitated misinformation. The challenge for modern democracies lies not merely in expanding access but in cultivating discernment—the capacity to evaluate truth amidst noise. Without such discernment, progress risks becoming a double-edged sword.

*Question:*

What is the central argument of the passage?

- a) Technology always leads to oppression.
- b) Progress is valuable only when coupled with discernment.
- c) The printing press and internet are harmful inventions.
- d) Democracies thrive solely on technological expansion.

Answer: b) Progress is valuable only when coupled with discernment.