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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. The term "*tenuous*" most nearly means:

- A. Robust
- B. Delicate
- C. Tangible
- D. Extensive

Answer: B. Delicate

****2.** Choose the word that best completes the sentence:

His argument was well-structured but ultimately failed due to its _____ assumptions.**

- A. Fortuitous
- B. Flagrant
- C. Precarious
- D. Unsubstantiated

Answer: D. Unsubstantiated

3. Which of the following is an antonym of "*assuage*"?

- A. Mitigate
- B. Provoke
- C. Mollify

D. Alleviate

Answer: B. Provoke

4. Identify the correct contextual usage of the word "*byzantine*":

A. The architecture was so plain and byzantine, it lacked any flair.

B. His byzantine strategies simplified the workflow.

C. The regulations were so byzantine that even experts got confused.

D. She gave a byzantine explanation, which clarified everything.

Answer: C. The regulations were so byzantine that even experts got confused.

5. The word "*inveterate*" describes someone who is:

A. Recently changed

B. Temporarily passionate

C. Long-established in a habit

D. Easily swayed

Answer: C. Long-established in a habit

6. Which of these words has a negative connotation?

A. Resolute

B. Stalwart

C. Obsequious

D. Loyal

Answer: C. Obsequious

7. The etymology of the word "*gregarious*" is closest to:

A. Herd or flock

B. Mountain or summit

C. Fire or heat

D. Law or rule

Answer: A. Herd or flock

8. In which sentence is the word "*precipitate*" used correctly as a verb?

- A. The precipitate action of the board led to unrest.
- B. His ideas were full of precipitate.
- C. We watched the precipitate falling from the sky.
- D. The decision will precipitate a crisis.

Answer: D. The decision will precipitate a crisis.

9. Choose the best synonym for "*sedulous*":

- A. Indolent
- B. Diligent
- C. Capricious
- D. Mirthful

Answer: B. Diligent

10. The word "*inchoate*" refers to something:

- A. Fully developed
- B. Rudimentary
- C. Repetitive
- D. Ambiguous

Answer: B. Rudimentary

11. Which of the following words implies *false bravery*?

- A. Intrepid
- B. Bravado
- C. Valor
- D. Audacity

Answer: B. Bravado

**12. Identify the word that most directly suggests *predictability and dullness*:

- A. Piquant
- B. Tedious
- C. Prosaic

D. Trenchant**

Answer: C. Prosaic

13. Select the sentence with correct use of "*tacit*":

- A. The manager's tacit complaints were clear and loud.
- B. Their tacit agreement was sealed with a nod.
- C. She made her intentions tacit through email.
- D. Tacit announcements are usually televised.

Answer: B. Their tacit agreement was sealed with a nod.

14. The word "*pellucid*" most likely describes something that is:

- A. Opaque
- B. Complicated
- C. Transparent
- D. Pungent

Answer: C. Transparent

15. A "*sinecure*" is best defined as:

- A. A cure for emotional pain
- B. A ceremonial honor
- C. A position requiring little work but giving status/pay
- D. An overbearing administrative post

Answer: C. A position requiring little work but giving status/pay

16. The phrase "*Pyrrhic victory*" implies:

- A. A triumphant celebration
- B. A win with devastating cost
- C. A military parade
- D. A peaceful resolution

Answer: B. A win with devastating cost

17. Which of the following most accurately conveys *disinterested*?

- A. Not curious
- B. Impartial
- C. Confused
- D. Detached due to boredom

Answer: B. Impartial

18. Identify the word that functions as a *contronym* (a word with opposing meanings):

- A. Bound
- B. Entail
- C. Cumbersome
- D. Mitigate

Answer: A. Bound

19. Which term suggests *a subtle difference in meaning or opinion*?

- A. Nuance
- B. Polemic
- C. Bias
- D. Divergence

Answer: A. Nuance

20. *Obstreperous* children are likely to be:

- A. Silent
- B. Cooperative
- C. Noisy and difficult
- D. Studious and calm

Answer: C. Noisy and difficult

21. Which word best expresses a person who *preaches one thing but practices another*?

- A. Hypocrite
 - B. Idealist
 - C. Mystic
 - D. Aesthetic
- Answer: A. Hypocrite
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22. Select the sentence that misuses the word "*nonplussed*".

- A. He was nonplussed by the sudden announcement.
 - B. She seemed nonplussed, unsure of how to respond.
 - C. His nonplussed attitude helped calm the group.
 - D. They stood nonplussed, staring at the anomaly.
- Answer: C. His nonplussed attitude helped calm the group.
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23. What is the meaning of "*jejune*" in literary criticism?

- A. Childishly simplistic
 - B. Deep and layered
 - C. Critically acclaimed
 - D. Highly ambiguous
- Answer: A. Childishly simplistic
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24. The adjective "*antediluvian*" refers to something:

- A. Rebellious
 - B. Biblical or ancient
 - C. Futuristic
 - D. Monotonous
- Answer: B. Biblical or ancient
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25. A "*panegyric*" is:

- A. A long complaint
 - B. A harsh satire
 - C. A public speech in praise
 - D. A tragic poem
- Answer: C. A public speech in praise

26. *Quixotic* behavior is usually:

- A. Realistic and cautious
 - B. Idealistic and impractical
 - C. Angry and rude
 - D. Predictable and slow
- Answer: B. Idealistic and impractical

27. Which of these words contains a pejorative connotation?

- A. Efficient
 - B. Bureaucrat
 - C. Maverick
 - D. Charlatan
- Answer: D. Charlatan

28. What is the best meaning of “*excoriate*” in a critical context?

- A. Praise highly
 - B. Gently suggest
 - C. Harshly criticize
 - D. Ignore completely
- Answer: C. Harshly criticize

29. The suffix “*-phile*” in words like *bibliophile* means:

- A. Fear of
 - B. Hatred of
 - C. Love for
 - D. Belief in
- Answer: C. Love for

30. A “*paucity*” of evidence implies:

- A. Abundance
 - B. Lack
 - C. Clarity
 - D. Redundancy
- Answer: B. Lack
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31. A "*laconic*" person is:

- A. Talkative
 - B. Shy
 - C. Reserved but witty
 - D. Brief and concise in speech
- Answer: D. Brief and concise in speech
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32. Which of the following is an example of a *portmanteau* word?

- A. Clarity
 - B. Smog
 - C. Fickle
 - D. Zenith
- Answer: B. Smog
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33. Which of these words implies *a tendency to fight or quarrel*?

- A. Bombastic
 - B. Bellicose
 - C. Benevolent
 - D. Beatific
- Answer: B. Bellicose
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34. A "*solipsistic*" worldview implies:

- A. A belief in collective harmony
 - B. A focus on only one religion
 - C. The idea that only one's own mind is sure to exist
 - D. A theory about rational thinking
- Answer: C. The idea that only one's own mind is sure to exist

35. *Ennui* best describes:

- A. Intense anger
 - B. A philosophical dilemma
 - C. A feeling of boredom and dissatisfaction
 - D. An excessive pride
- Answer: C. A feeling of boredom and dissatisfaction